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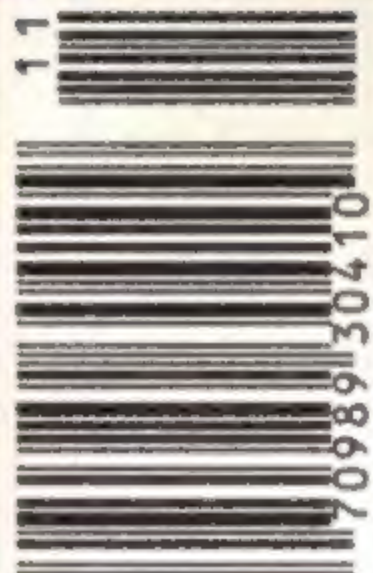


KEEP
FIRING
TILL
SUPERMAN
NO LONGER
POSES A
THREAT
TO US!

THEN WE
BECOME THE
LAND-LORDS
OF EARTH!

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ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE
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KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH--
WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY
GAVE HIM FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS!
IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE
POSES AS MILD-MANNERED TV
NEWSMAN CLARK KENT--
AND BATTLES EVIL
ALL OVER EARTH
AND BEYOND
AS...

SUPERMAN

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SOME STORIES OF HORROR
BEGIN WITH A GHOSTLY FIGURE
AT A WINDOW, OR A WOLFLIKE
HOWL ACROSS A WINDSWEPT
MOOR...

AND SOME BEGIN AS THIS
ONE DOES, WITH THUNDER
AND LIGHTNING, AND THE
FAMILIAR FORM OF SUPERMAN...

WHEN I LEFT EARTH
FOR A MISSION A FEW
HOURS AGO, THE WEATHER
WAS WARM--SUNNY!

AND NOW--ALL OF SUDDEN--
THIS! THE UNITED STATES,
ATLANTIC OCEAN, MUCH OF
EUROPE--

--SWAMPED BY A
COLOSSAL HURRICANE
SQUALL! IT'S--UNREAL!

The **LAND-LORDS** of **EARTH!**

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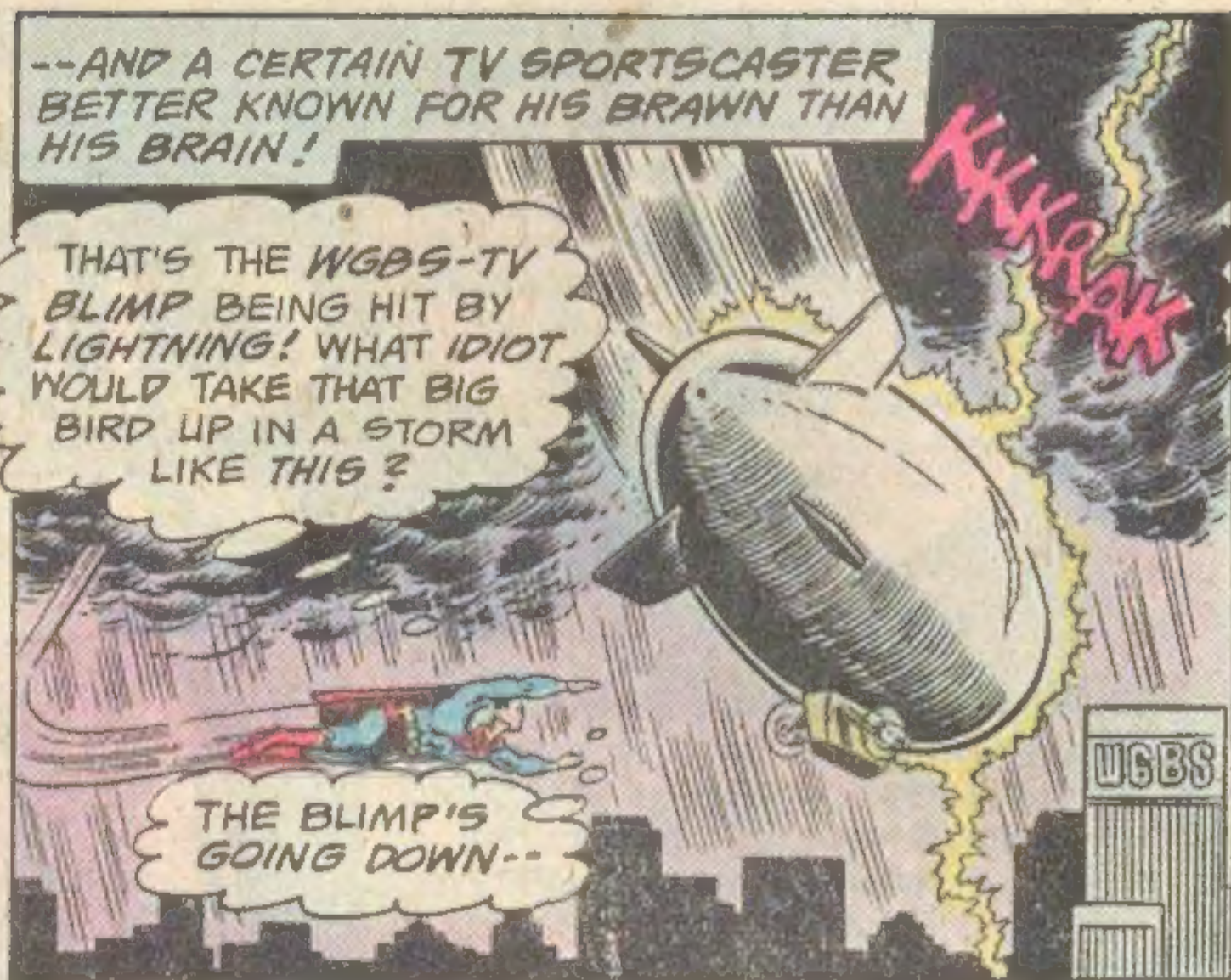
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DOWN THROUGH BLACK CLOUDS BURSTING WITH RAIN DIVES THE MAN OF STEEL, TOWARD THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HIS HOME...

HOME, TOO, OF THE GALAXY BROADCASTING SYSTEM--



--AND A CERTAIN TV SPORTSCASTER BETTER KNOWN FOR HIS BRAIN THAN HIS BRAIN!

THAT'S THE WGBS-TV BLIMP BEING HIT BY LIGHTNING! WHAT IDIOT WOULD TAKE THAT BIG BIRD UP IN A STORM LIKE THIS?

THE BLIMP'S GOING DOWN--



--BUT NOT FAR! I'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME TO SAVE THIS OVERGROWN SAUSAGE AND STILL SWITCH TO CLARK KENT FOR THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS!

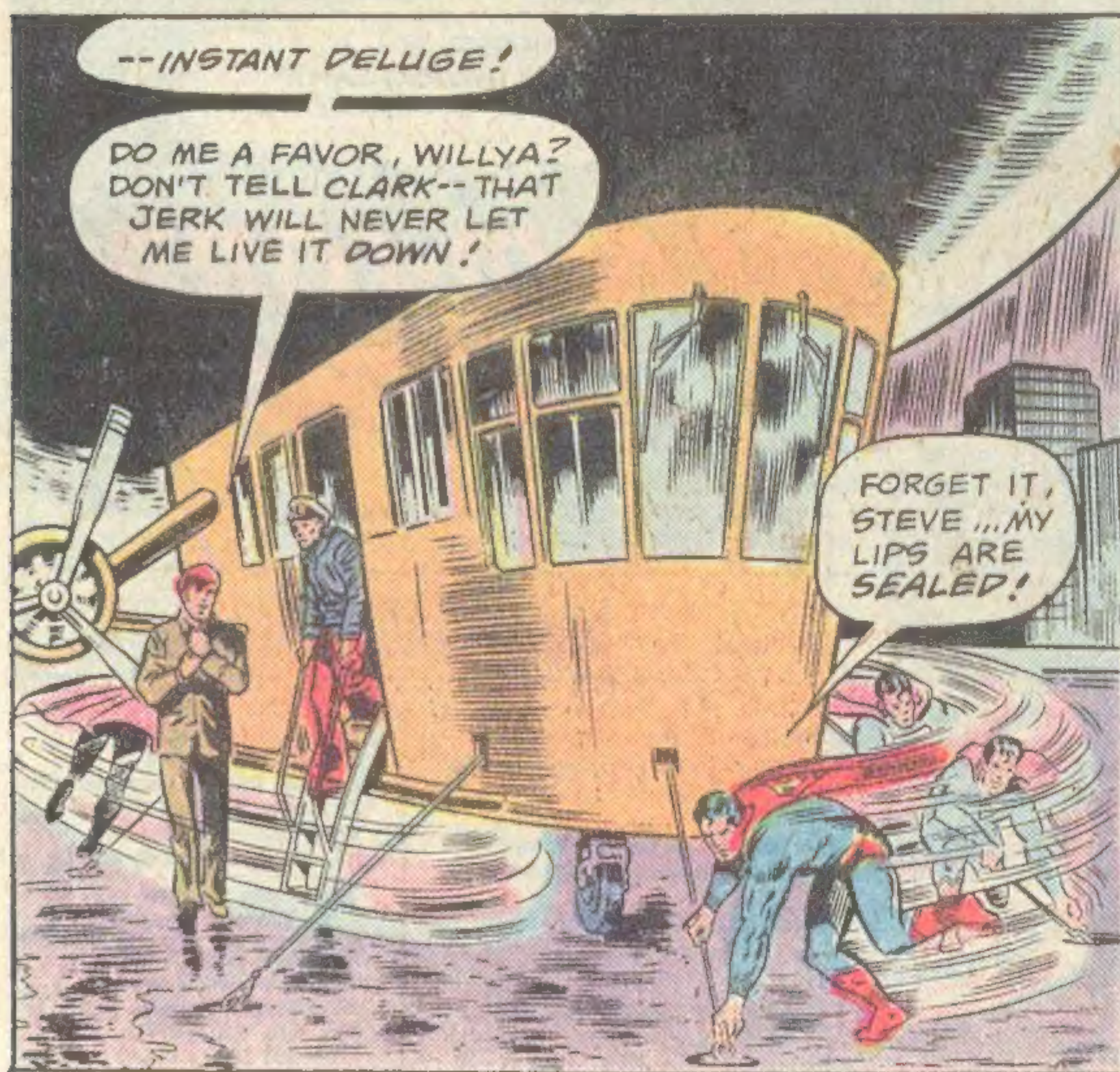
OH, NO! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN--



STEVE LOMBARD! THE ONLY EX-JOCK WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN! IT HAD TO BE YOU!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT, SUPERMAN --HONEST!

IT WAS LIKE FLORIDA OUT THERE THIS MORNING-- THEN, BLAMMO--



--INSTANT DELUGE!

DO ME A FAVOR, WILLYA? DON'T TELL CLARK-- THAT JERK WILL NEVER LET ME LIVE IT DOWN!

FORGET IT, STEVE... MY LIPS ARE SEALED!



AT THAT MOMENT, ELSEWHERE (WHERE, WE WON'T YET SAY) ...

THAT MAN-- THAT SUPERMAN-- DID YOU SEE WHAT HE DID, ORMONG?

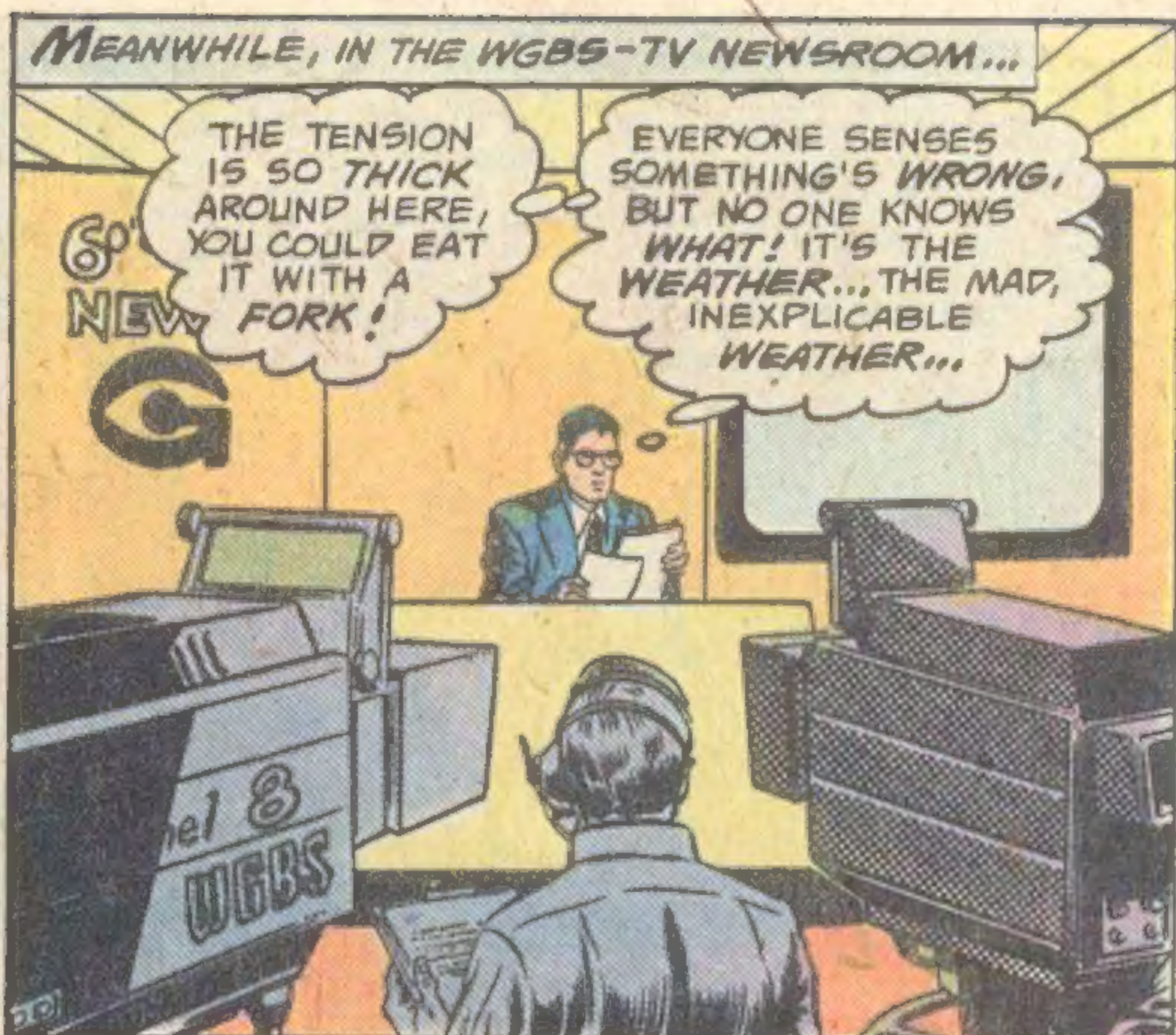
REALLY, TRENA! CAN YOU ACTUALLY FIND SUCH A MAN-- AMUSING?



QUITE AMUSING, ORMONG! OF ALL THE TERRANS WE'VE OBSERVED THESE PAST FEW THOUSAND YEARS, ONLY HE INTERESTS ME!

PEHAPS WE WILL LET HIM LIVE... AFTER WE HAVE ABSORBED HIS WORLD!

OMINOUS WORDS, GREETED BY SILENCE...



MEANWHILE, IN THE WGBS-TV NEWSROOM...

THE TENSION IS SO THICK AROUND HERE, YOU COULD EAT IT WITH A FORK!

EVERYONE SENSES SOMETHING'S WRONG, BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHAT! IT'S THE WEATHER... THE MAD, INEXPLICABLE WEATHER...



GOOD EVENING. I'M CLARK KENT AT THE CHANNEL 8 NEWSDESK, WITH THE 6 O'CLOCK REPORT!

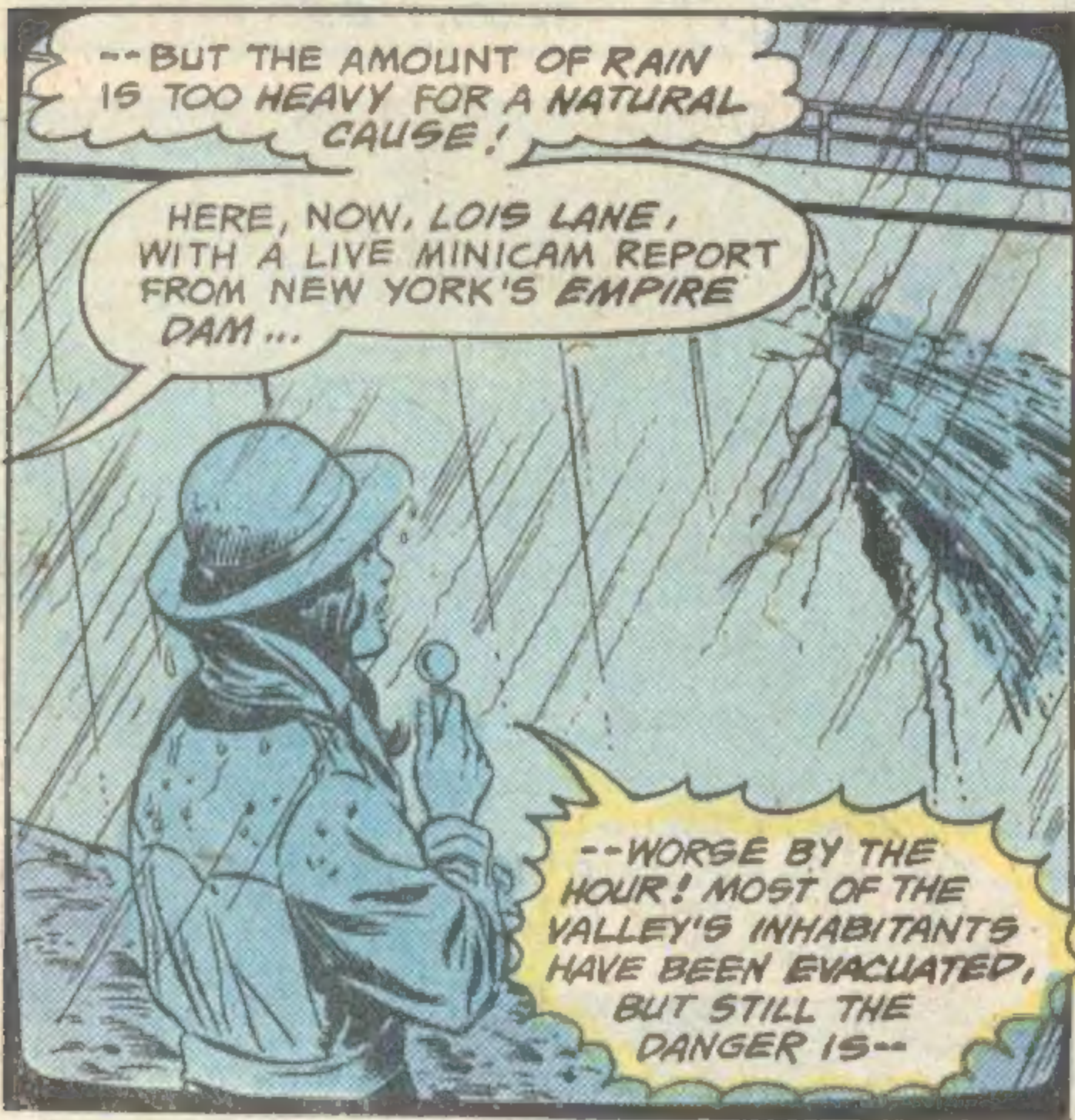
AT THE TOP OF THE NEWS TONIGHT IS THE BIZARRE THUNDERSTORM THAT'S SUDDENLY STRUCK MOST OF THE WORLD...



GRIMLY, THE STATISTICS POUR OUT, AND AS CLARK READS FROM THE SCRIPT, DETAILING FLOODING IN FRANCE AND WASHOUTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. --

--HE REALIZES HOW DEADLY THE SITUATION TRULY HAS BECOME:

INCREDIBLE! NASA AND THE WEATHER SERVICE REPORT NO EVIDENCE OF CLIMATE TAMPERING--



--BUT THE AMOUNT OF RAIN IS TOO HEAVY FOR A NATURAL CAUSE!

HERE, NOW, LOIS LANE, WITH A LIVE MINICAM REPORT FROM NEW YORK'S EMPIRE DAM...

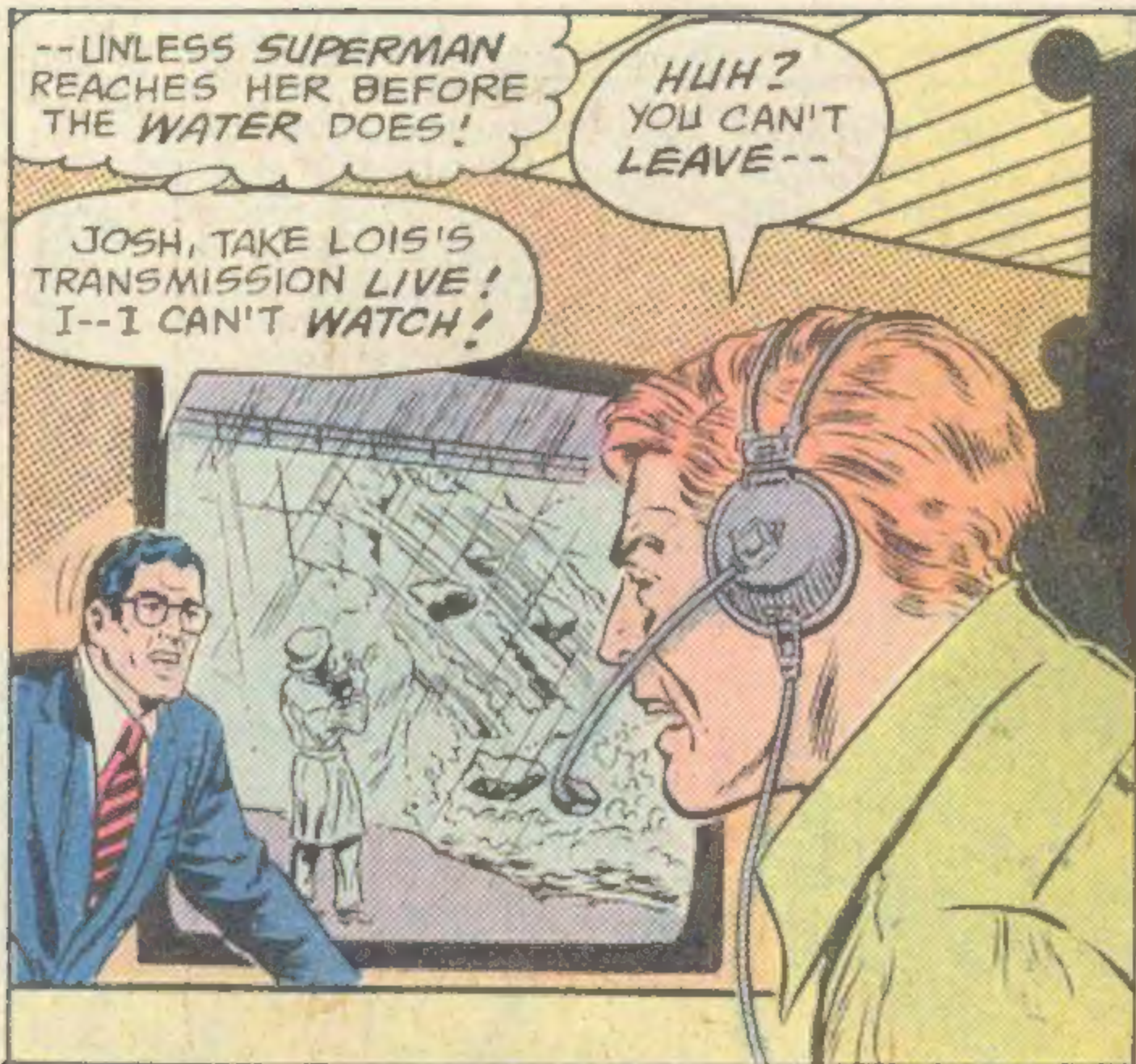
--WORSE BY THE HOUR! MOST OF THE VALLEY'S INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED, BUT STILL THE DANGER IS--



THE DAM! IT'S BREAKING APART!

EEEEEE

GREAT SCOTT! LOIS WILL DROWN!



--UNLESS SUPERMAN REACHES HER BEFORE THE WATER DOES!

HUH? YOU CAN'T LEAVE--

JOSH, TAKE LOIS'S TRANSMISSION LIVE! I--I CAN'T WATCH!



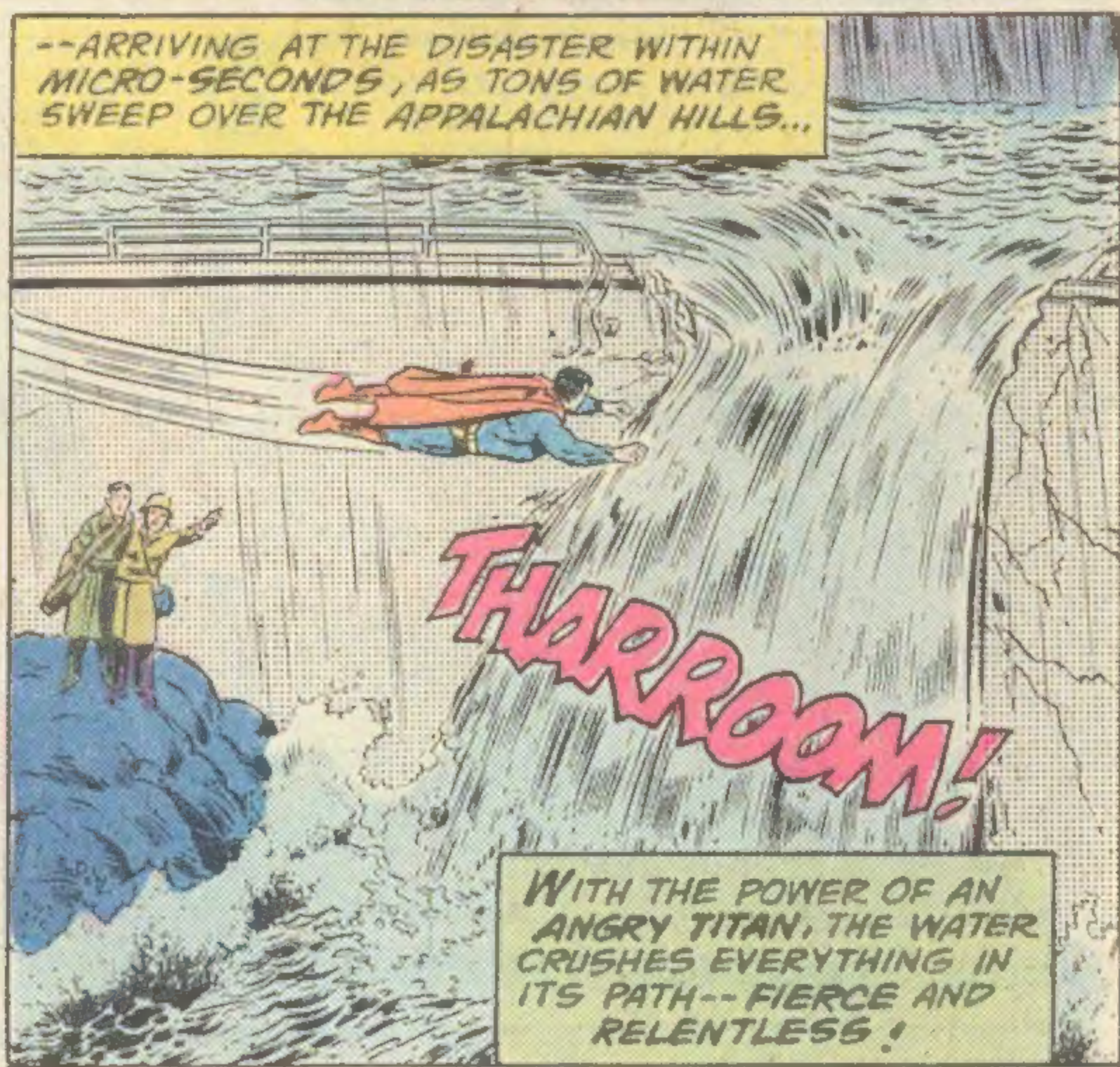
--YOU'RE THE ANCHORMAN!

I'M ALSO A HERO WITH RESPONSIBILITIES--



--AND THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES ALWAYS COME FIRST!

FASTER THAN A BROADCAST-BEAM, THE SON OF KRYPTON HURTTLES NORTHWARD--



--ARRIVING AT THE DISASTER WITHIN MICRO-SECONDS, AS TONS OF WATER SWEEP OVER THE APPALACHIAN HILLS...

THARROOM!

WITH THE POWER OF AN ANGRY TITAN, THE WATER CRUSHES EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH-- FIERCE AND RELENTLESS!



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SCRUMP!



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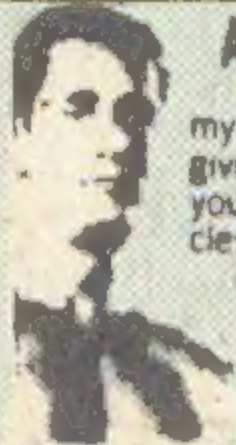


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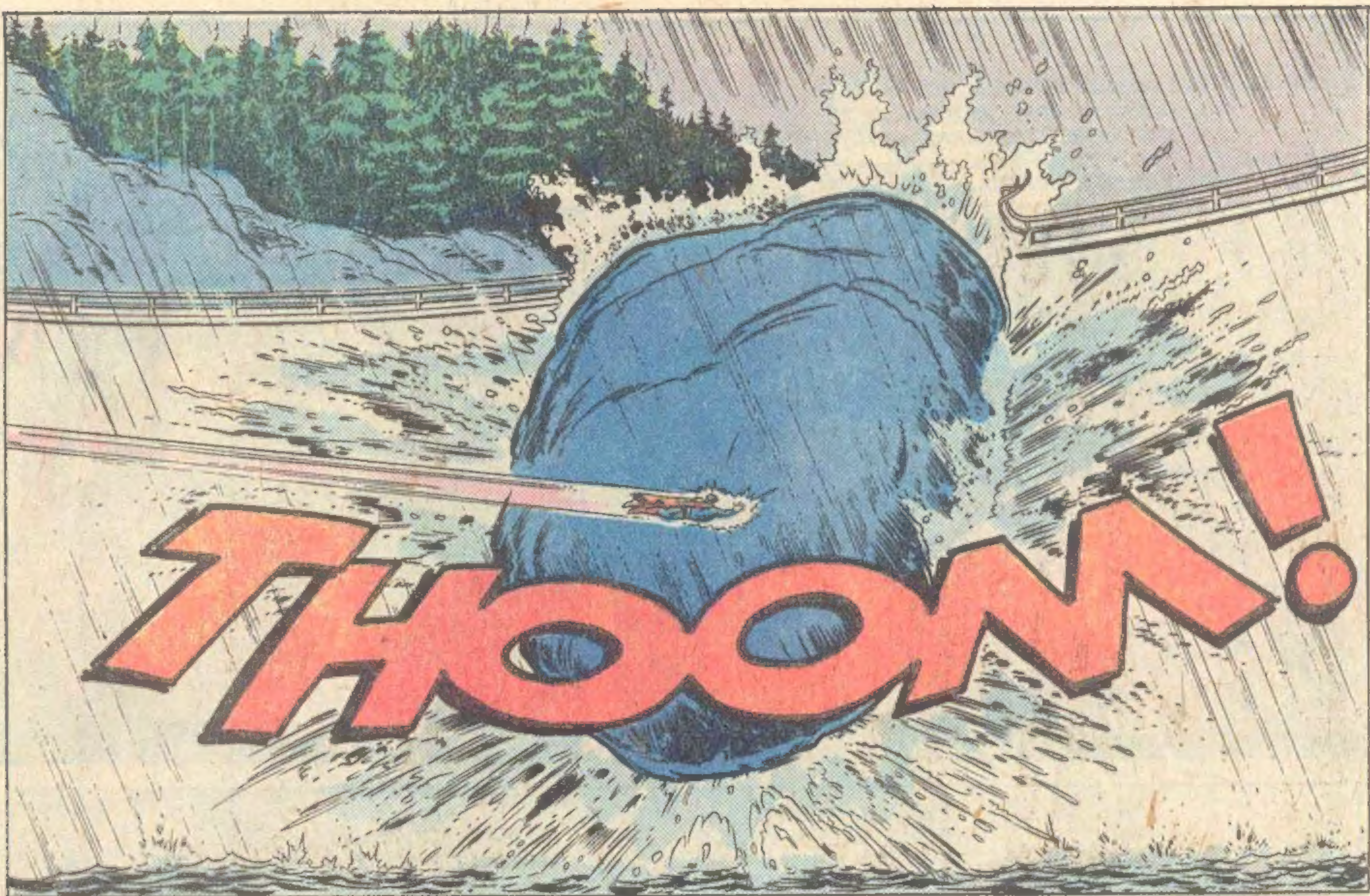
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THAT WASN'T
YOUR MOST
SPECTACULAR
RESCUE--
BUT WHO'S
COMPLAINING?

ANY IDEA WHAT'S
CAUSING ALL THIS
RAIN? COULD IT BE
A PLOT BY ONE OF
YOUR ENEMIES--
LUTHOR, BRAINIAC,
THE ANTI-
SUPERMAN
GANG?

NOT A
CHANCE,
LOIS. AND
IT'S NOT THE
WEATHER
WIZARD,
EITHER!



THOSE MEN ARE ALL
SAFELY IN PRISON...
OR DEAD! AS FAR AS
I CAN TELL, WE'RE
WITNESSING AN
ACT OF GOD...

BUT BEFORE I'M
SATISFIED THAT'S
ALL IT IS, I'M GOING
TO MAKE A CAREFUL
INVESTIGATION OF--



AND IT HAPPENS:
WITHOUT WARNING,
WITHOUT PRELUDE, THE
EARTH HEAVES--

EARTHQUAKE!

THIS IS UTTER
MADNESS! EARTH-
QUAKES IN UPSTATE
NEW YORK?

WHAT IN THE
NAME OF SANITY
IS HAPPENING?

-- AS THOUGH STRUCK
BY A FIST FROM HEAVEN!

RRRRUNBLE-KAROOM

CRISIS: IT'S THE ULTIMATE TEST OF A HERO...

WITHOUT HESITATION, THE ACTION ACE SWEEPS UP THE REPORTERS AND LEAPS SKYWARD AS THE WORLD CRUMBLES AROUND THEM...



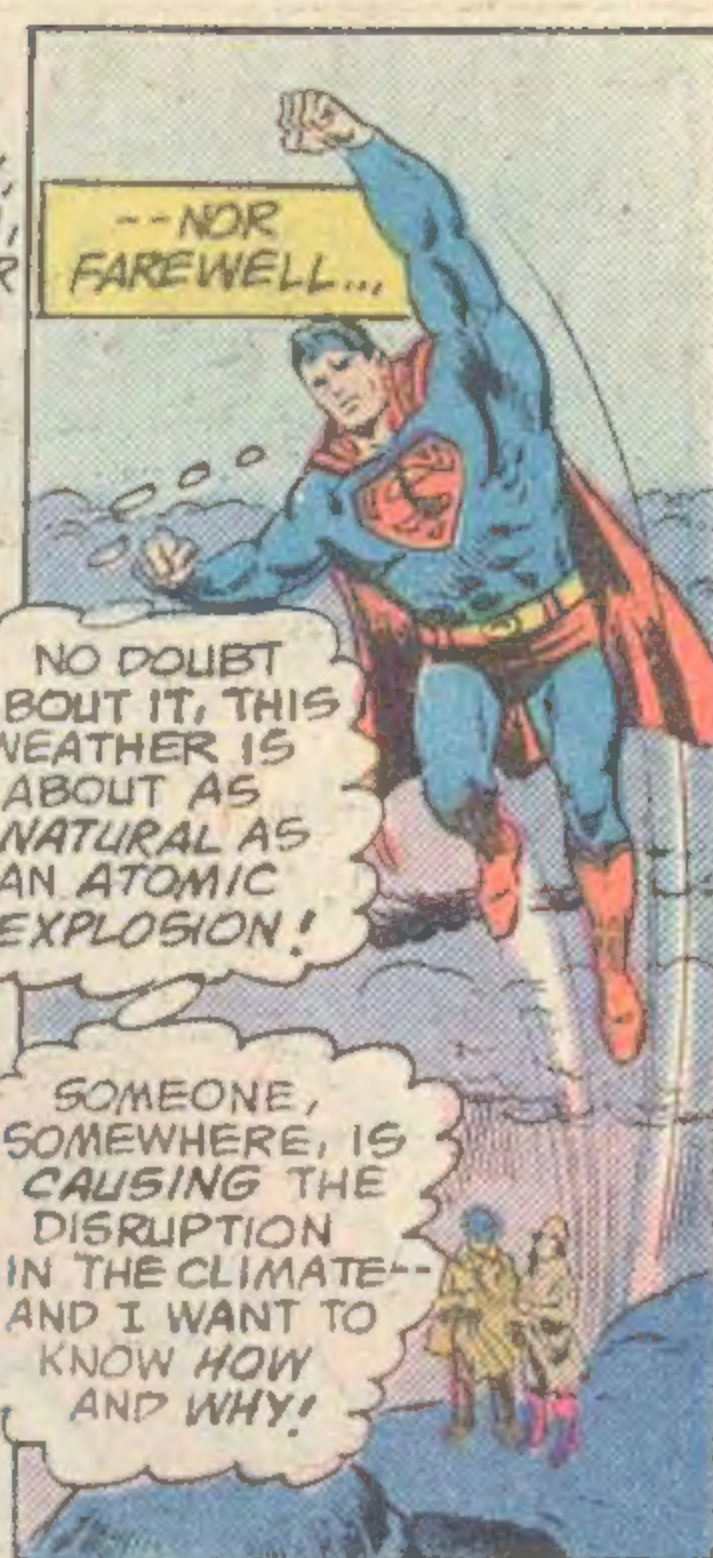
CARRYING THEM TO A NEARBY PLACE OF SAFETY, HE LEAVES THEM, PROVIDING NEITHER WORD OF EXPLANATION--



--NOR FAREWELL...

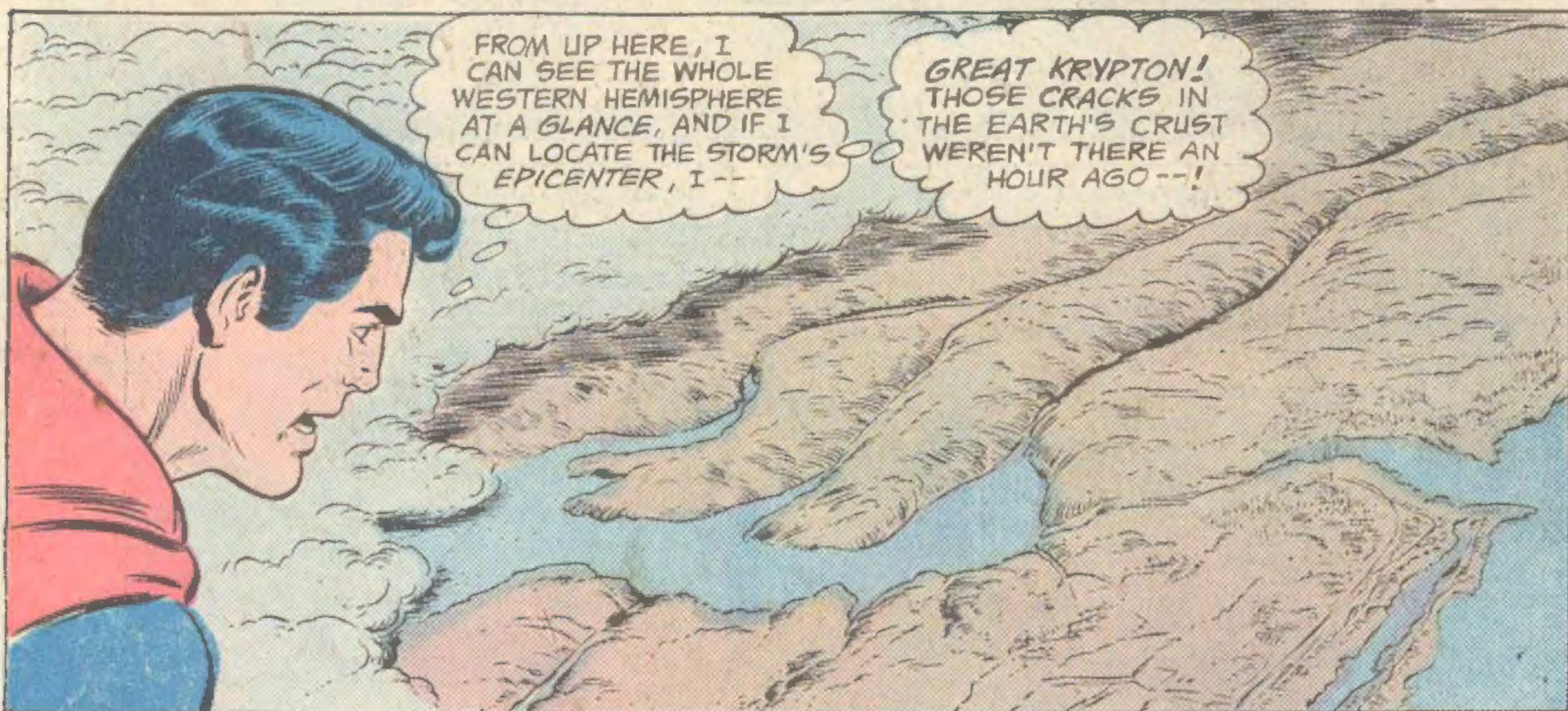
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THIS WEATHER IS ABOUT AS NATURAL AS AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION!

SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, IS CAUSING THE DISRUPTION IN THE CLIMATE-- AND I WANT TO KNOW HOW AND WHY!



FROM UP HERE, I CAN SEE THE WHOLE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AT A GLANCE, AND IF I CAN LOCATE THE STORM'S EPICENTER, I--

GREAT KRYPTON! THOSE CRACKS IN THE EARTH'S CRUST WEREN'T THERE AN HOUR AGO--!

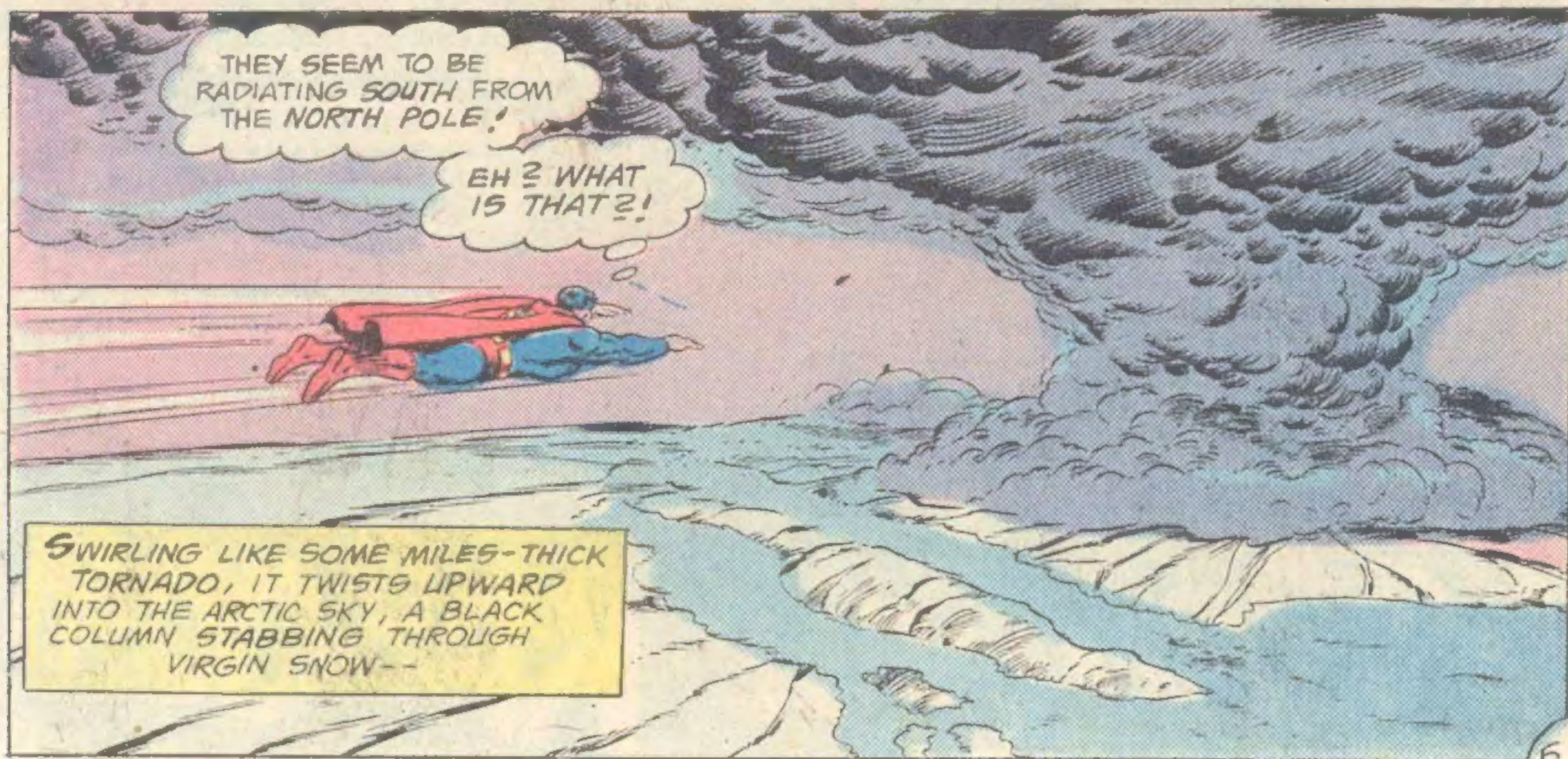


THEY SEEM TO BE RADIATING SOUTH FROM THE NORTH POLE!

EH? WHAT IS THAT?!



SWIRLING LIKE SOME MILES-THICK TORNADO, IT TWISTS UPWARD INTO THE ARCTIC SKY, A BLACK COLUMN STABBING THROUGH VIRGIN SNOW--

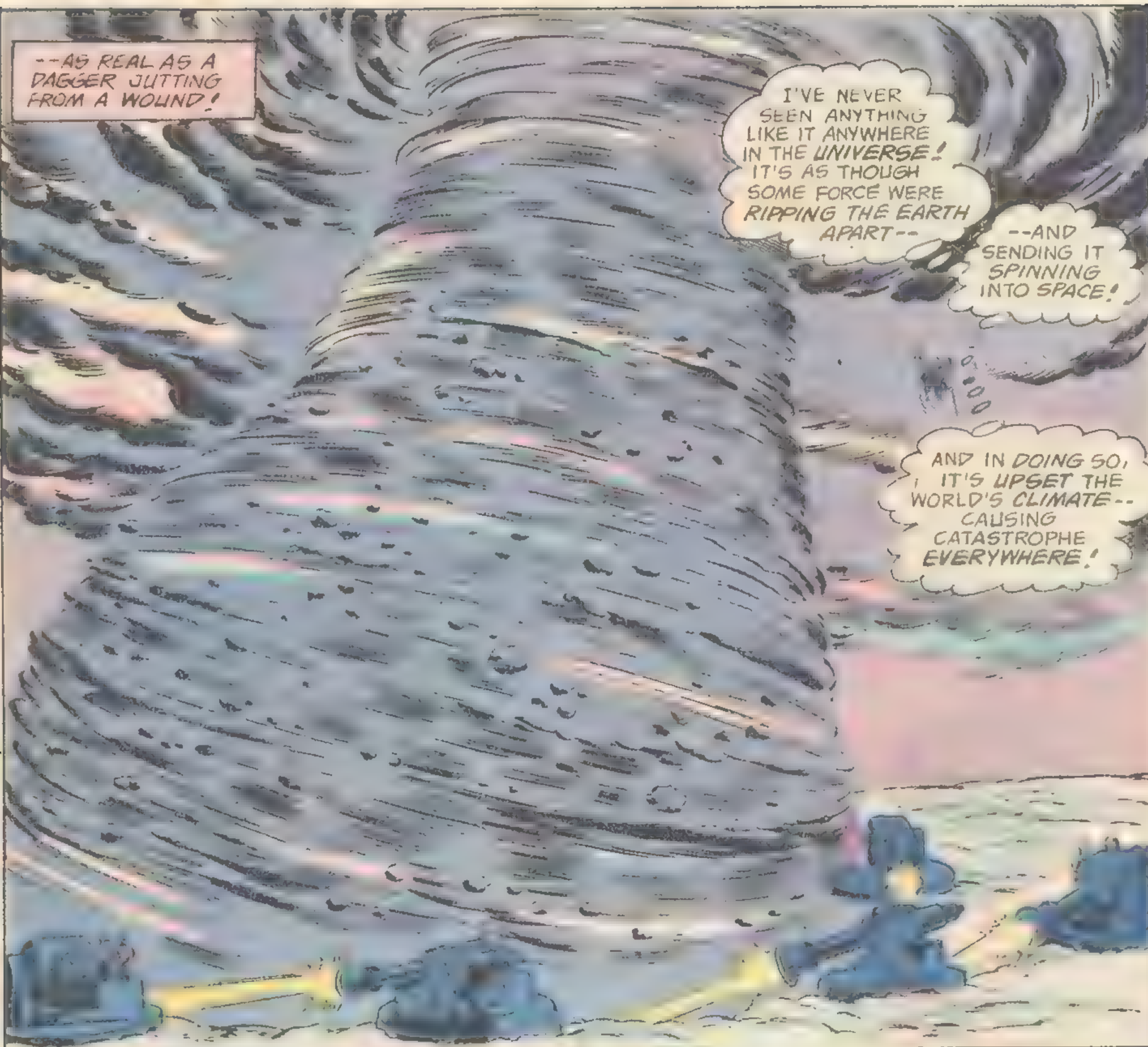


--AS REAL AS A
DAGGER JUTTING
FROM A WOUND!

I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE IT ANYWHERE
IN THE UNIVERSE!
IT'S AS THOUGH
SOME FORCE WERE
RIPPING THE EARTH
APART--

--AND
SENDING IT
SPINNING
INTO SPACE!

AND IN DOING SO,
IT'S UPSET THE
WORLD'S CLIMATE--
CAUSING
CATASTROPHE
EVERYWHERE!



WHATEVER
IS GOING ON,
IT'S TOO BIG
FOR ONE HERO,
AND I'M NOT
SO ARROGANT
I DON'T KNOW
WHEN I CAN
USE SOME
HELP!

I'LL SIGNAL
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE ON
THE EMERGENCY
PRIORITY
CIRCUIT...AND
WHILE I'M
WAITING FOR
THEM TO
ARRIVE--

--I'LL DO SOME
PRELIMINARY SPYING
ON MY OWN!

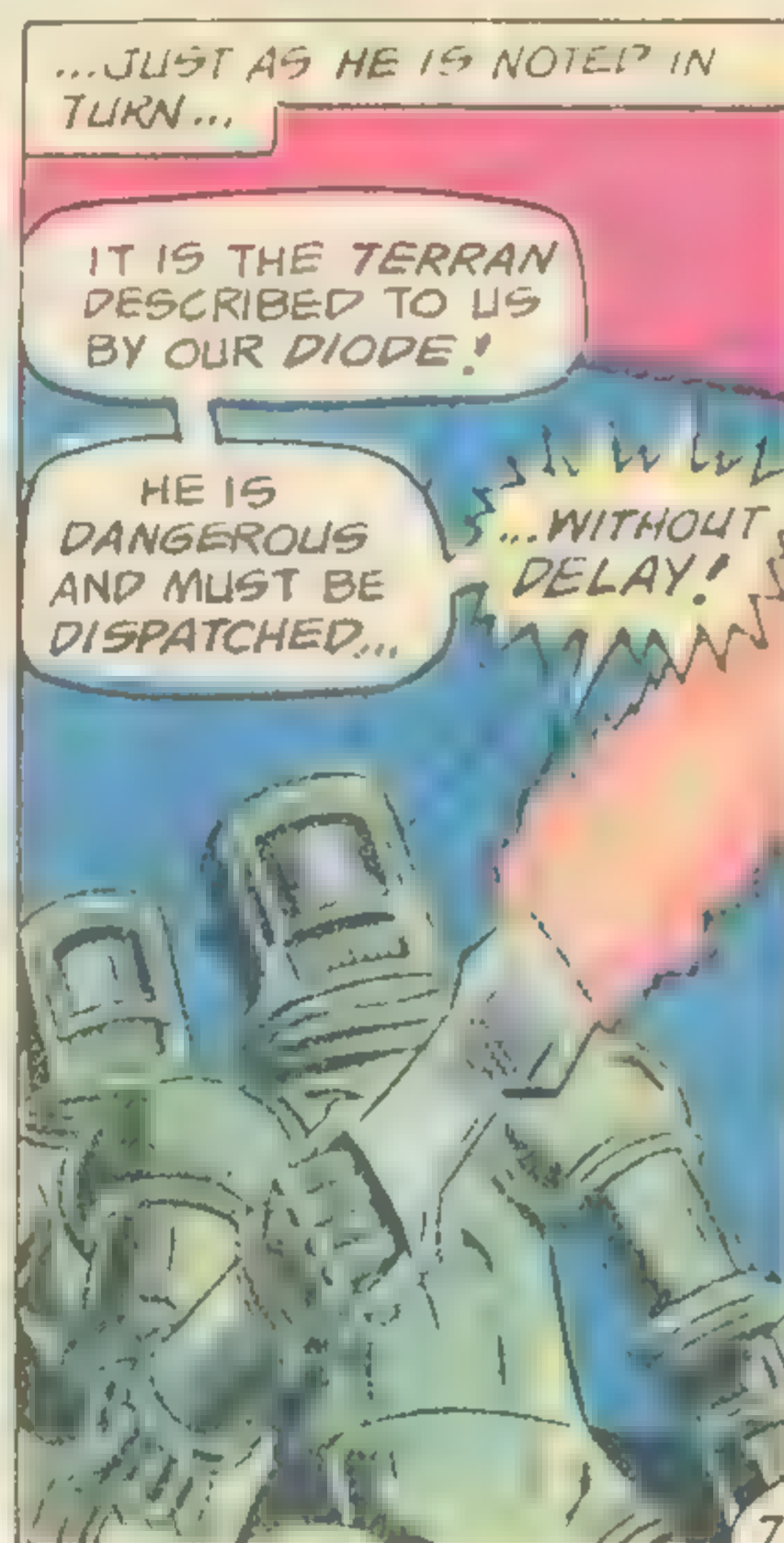
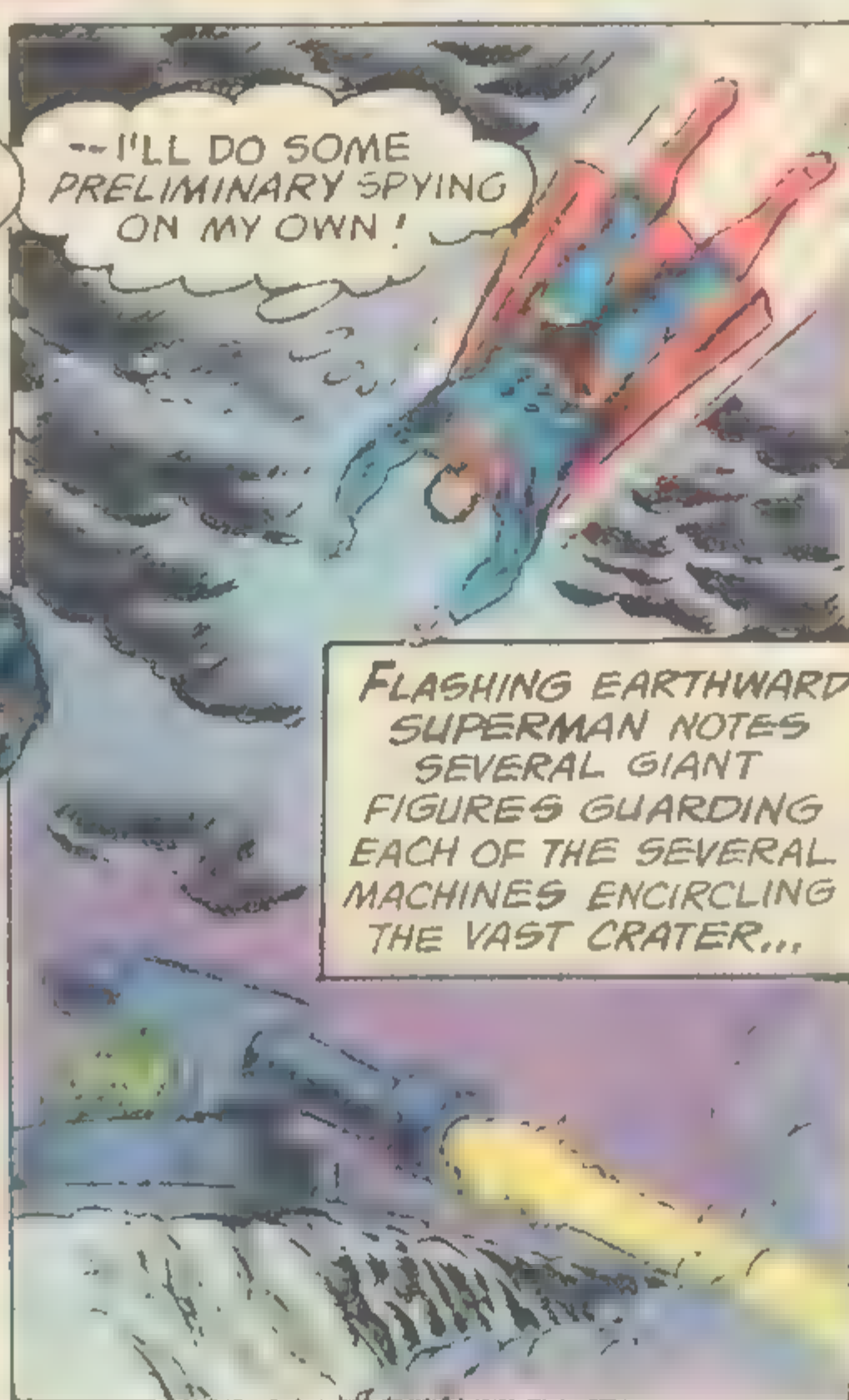
FLASHING EARTHWARD,
SUPERMAN NOTES
SEVERAL GIANT
FIGURES GUARDING
EACH OF THE SEVERAL
MACHINES ENCIRCLING
THE VAST CRATER...

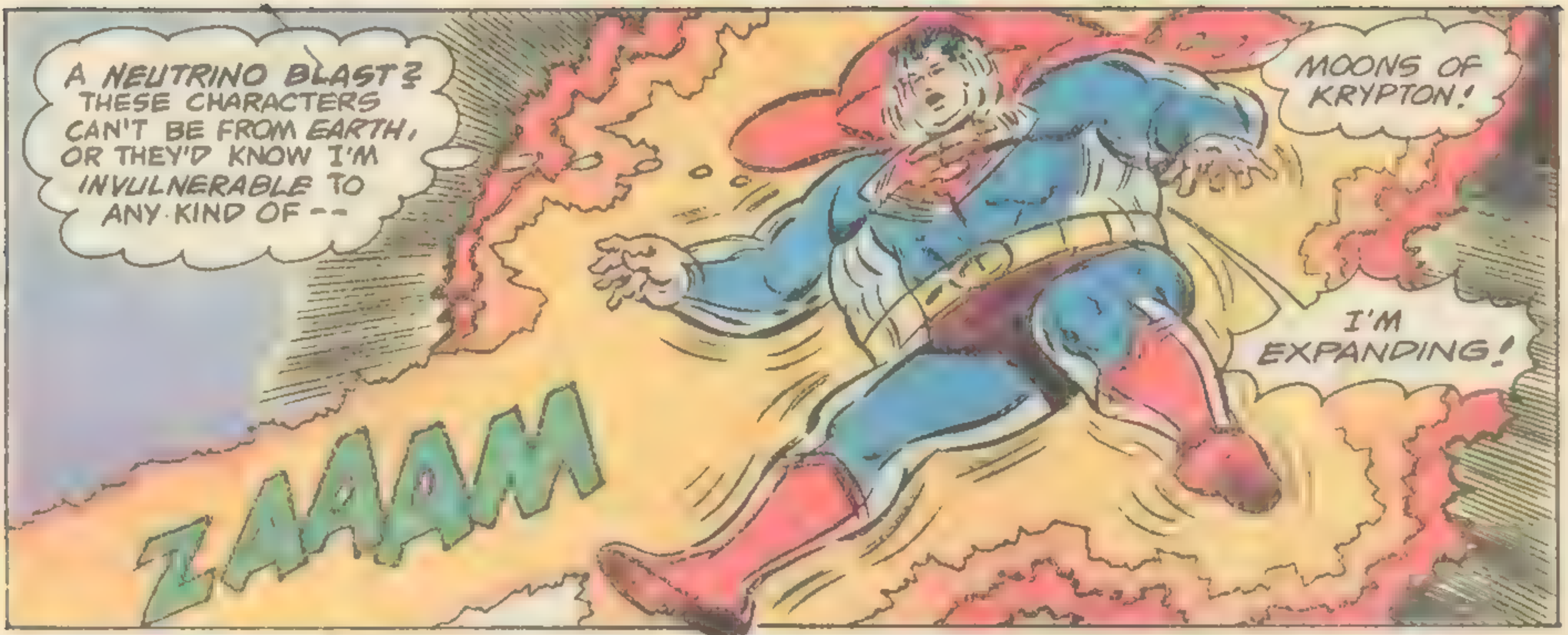
...JUST AS HE IS NOTED IN
TURN...

IT IS THE TERRAN
DESCRIBED TO US
BY OUR DIODE!

HE IS
DANGEROUS
AND MUST BE
DISPATCHED...

...WITHOUT
DELAY!



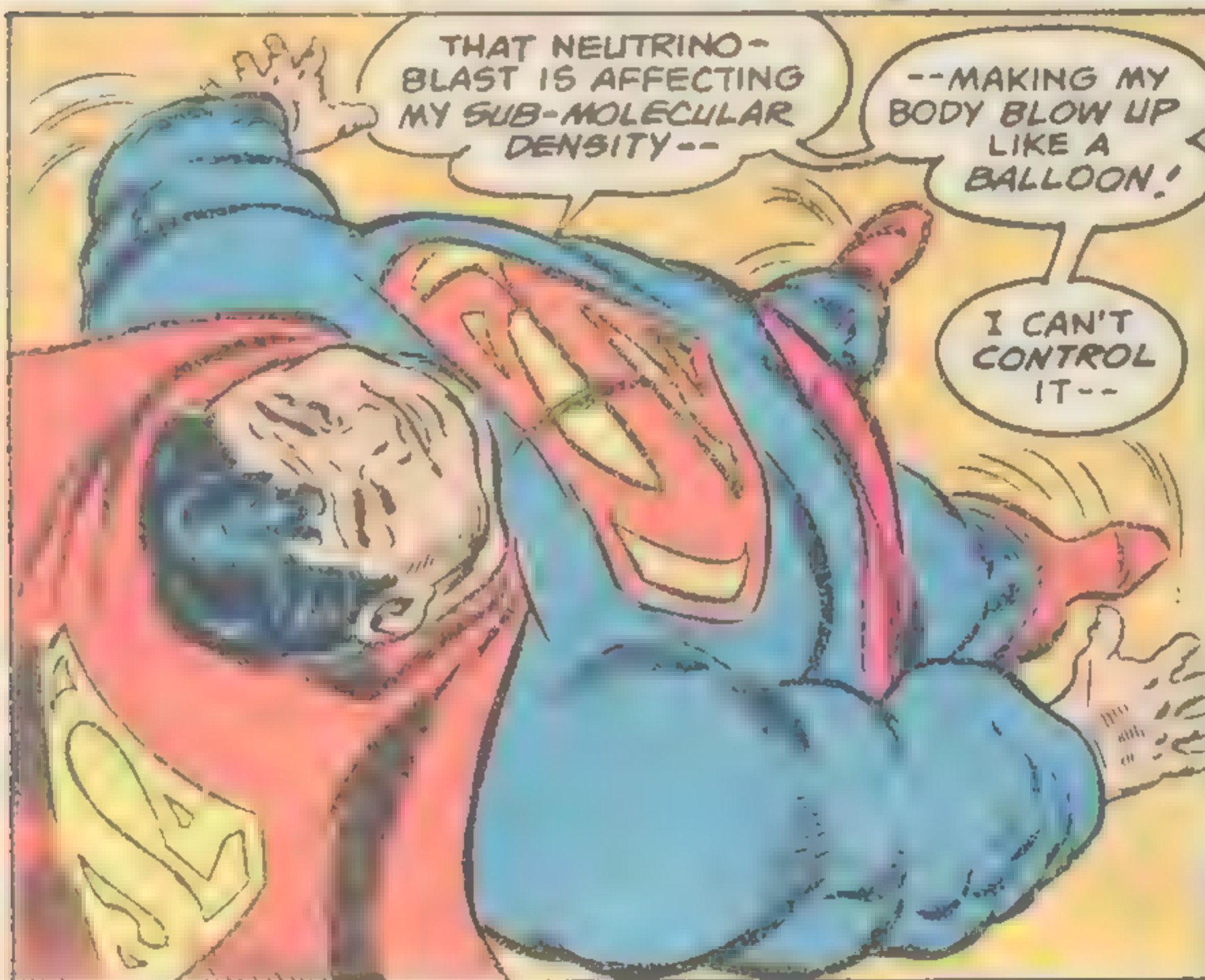


A NEUTRINO BLAST?
THESE CHARACTERS
CAN'T BE FROM EARTH,
OR THEY'D KNOW I'M
INVULNERABLE TO
ANY KIND OF --

MOONS OF
KRYPTON!

I'M
EXPANDING!

ZAAAM



THAT NEUTRINO-
BLAST IS AFFECTING
MY SUB-MOLECULAR
DENSITY --

-- MAKING MY
BODY BLOW UP
LIKE A
BALLOON!

I CAN'T
CONTROL
IT --



CAN'T STOP IT --

AAAAHH



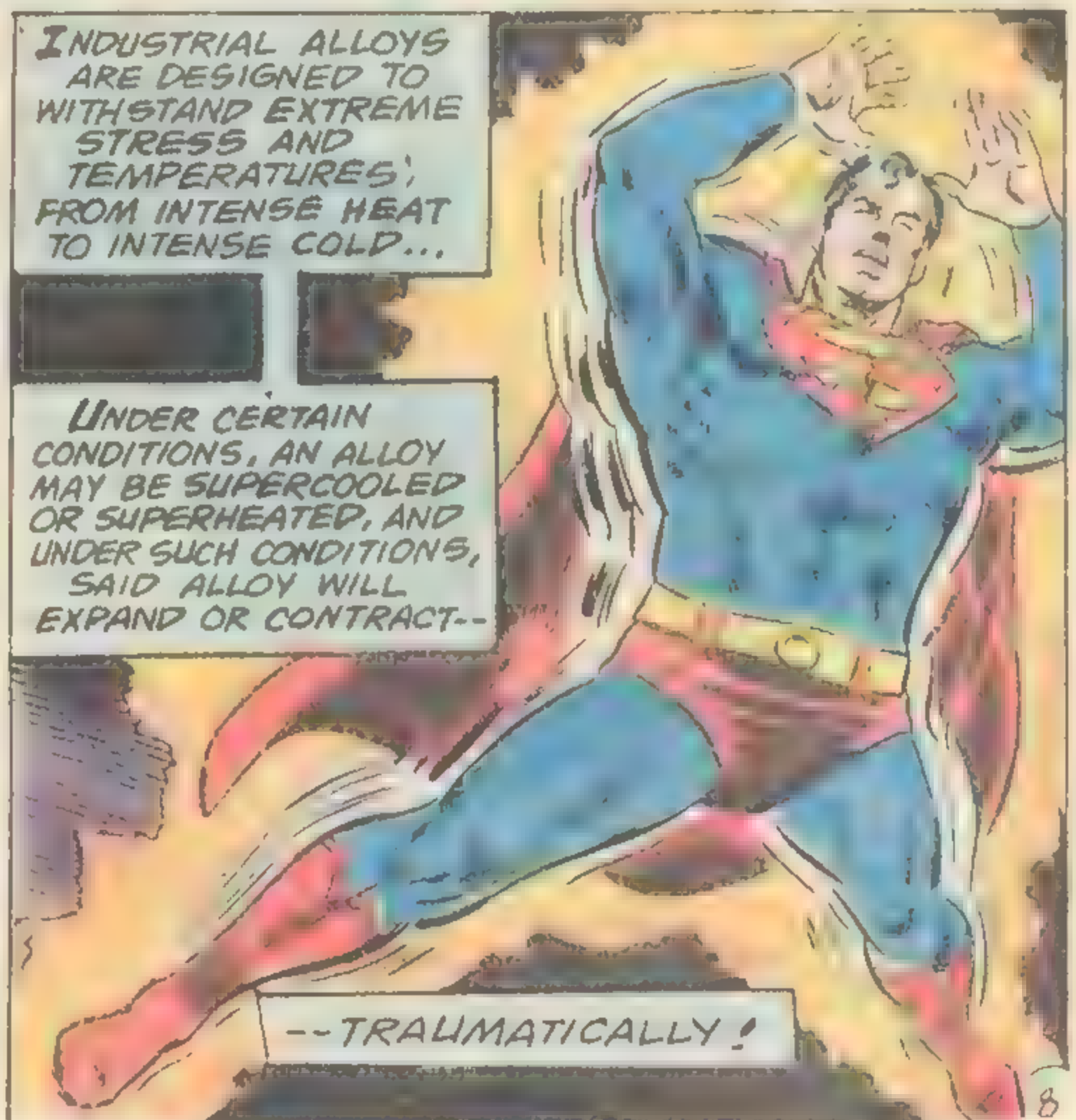
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PHASE ONE, PRIMARY
ASSAULT MODE
COMPLETED.

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SECONDARY ASSAULT MODE --

-- BEGINS!

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WITHSTAND EXTREME
STRESS AND
TEMPERATURES;
FROM INTENSE HEAT
TO INTENSE COLD...

UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONS, AN ALLOY
MAY BE SUPERCOOLED
OR SUPERHEATED, AND
UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS,
SAID ALLOY WILL
EXPAND OR CONTRACT--



-- TRAUMATICALLY!

Wonder Woman in "COOKY LA MOO ON BROADWAY"

TIMES SQUARE, STEVE TREVOR POSING FOR A PUBLICITY PHOTO, ACCIDENTALLY TOUCHES THE WRONG WIRE AND CREATES A SHORT CIRCUIT ON A HUGE ELECTRIC POSTER. "COOKY LA MOO", THE MOVIE STAR ELECTRIC SIGN, STRANGELY COMES TO LIFE AND BECOMES COOKY LA MOO, GROTESQUE MOVIE STAR, 60 FEET TALL.



... AND GOES BERSERK!!!

HAHAHAHEEEHEEEHEEE

I'M A BIG STAR! STEVE HOWARD--YOU BE MY PRESS AGENT!

HELP! COOKY LA MOO'S ESCAPED FROM THE MOVIE SIGN... SHE'S GONE CRAZY!

AAAIIGSHH!

SUFFERING SAPPHO, IT'S MY DARLING STEVE! AS THEY SAY IN THE COMICS, "THIS IS A JOB FOR WONDER WOMAN"... BUT REALLY...

FLEXING HER SLENDER, SINEWY MUSCLES, WONDER WOMAN SPINS HER MAGIC LASSO.



BEFORE THE LASSO CAN DO ITS MAGIC, COOKY PULLS WONDER WOMAN UP TO HER.



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YES! MY IMAGE!!

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COME UP AND SEE ME AGAIN...WITH MORE TWINKIES SNACK CAKES!

HAPPY HERMES MY LASSO STILL HAS ITS MAGIC!

AND TWINKIES SNACK CAKES ARE STILL DELICIOUS ON OR OFF BROADWAY!

COOKY LA MOO WHEN YOU'RE NICE, WE LOVE YOU! AND TWINKIES SNACK CAKE, WE ALWAYS LOVE YOU.

SMILE!

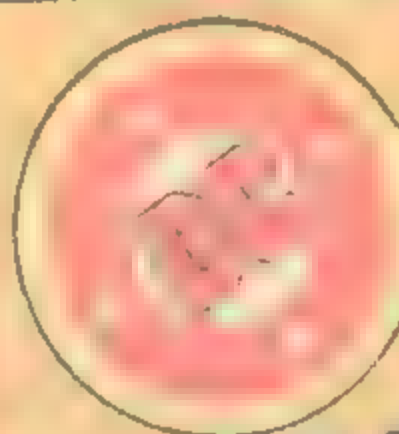
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MOST METALS CAN'T TAKE THE STRESS AND BUCKLE---AND THOSE THAT DO STAND THE TEST ARE TESTED AGAIN, AND AGAIN---TO DESTRUCTION!

TO SUPERMAN'S CREDIT, HE IS NOT DESTROYED; HE DOES NOT EVEN BUCKLE, AS HIS BODY EXPANDS AND CONTRACTS AT NEAR-LIGHT SPEED...

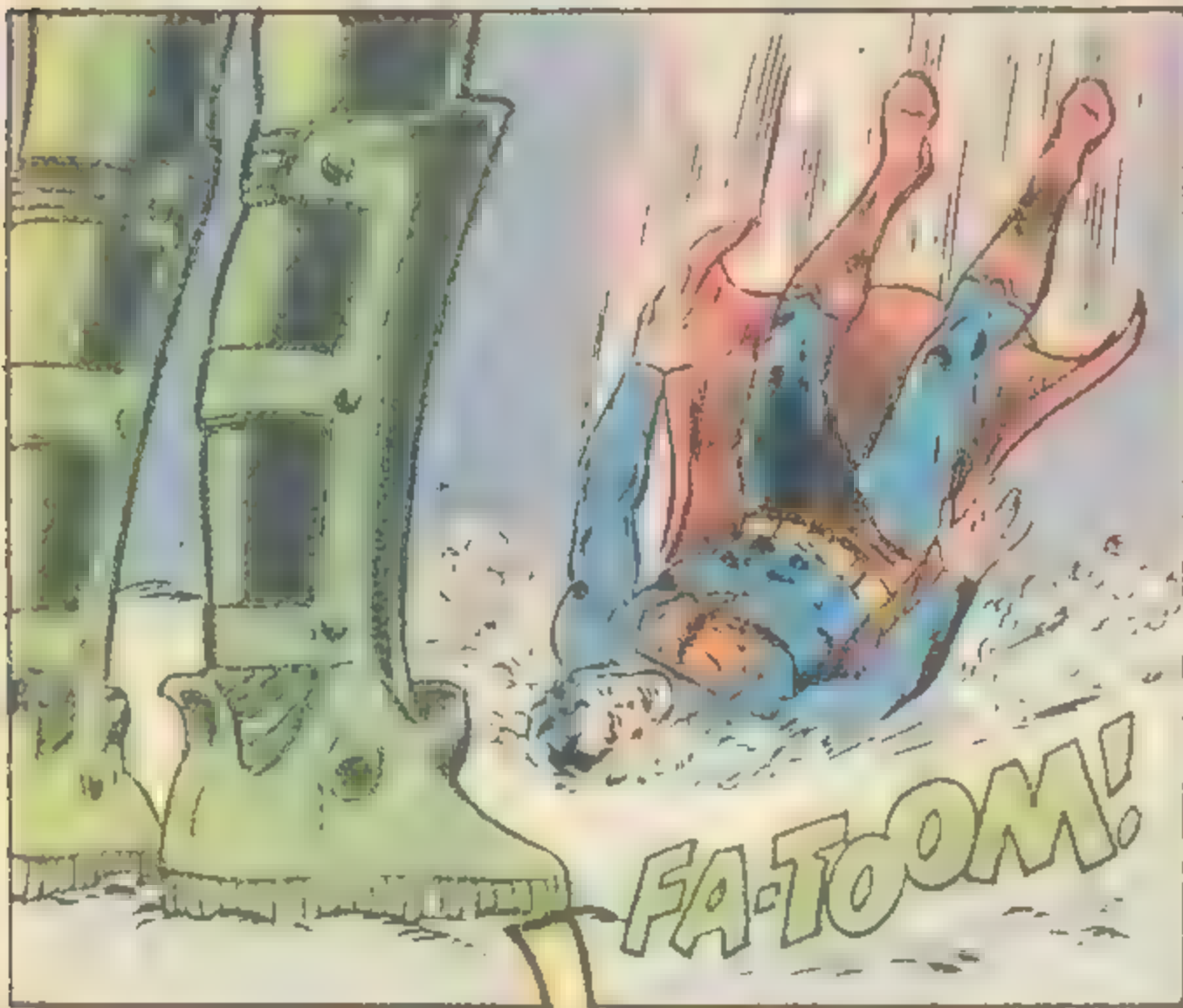
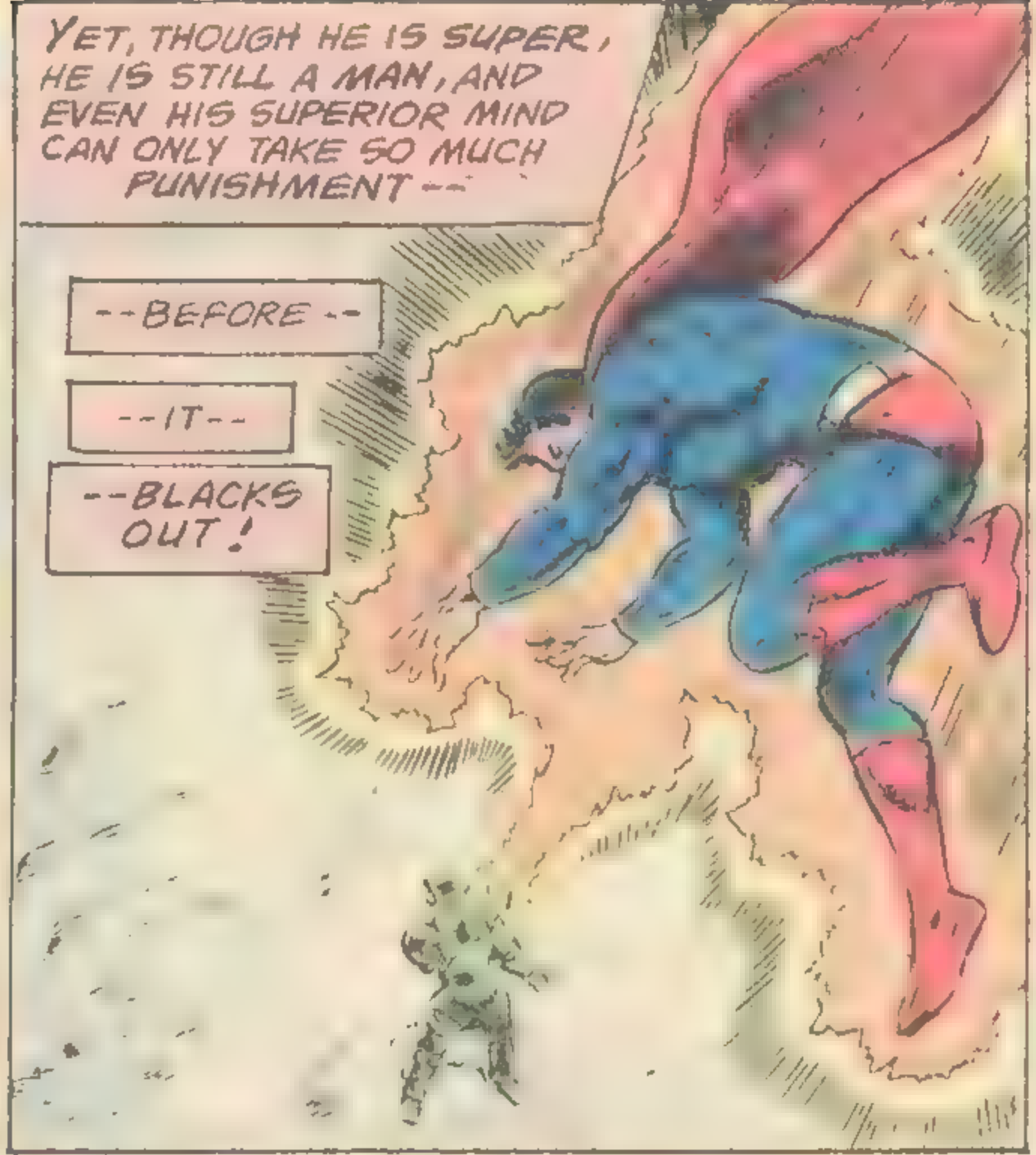


YET, THOUGH HE IS SUPER, HE IS STILL A MAN, AND EVEN HIS SUPERIOR MIND CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH PUNISHMENT---

--BEFORE--

--IT--

--BLACKS OUT!

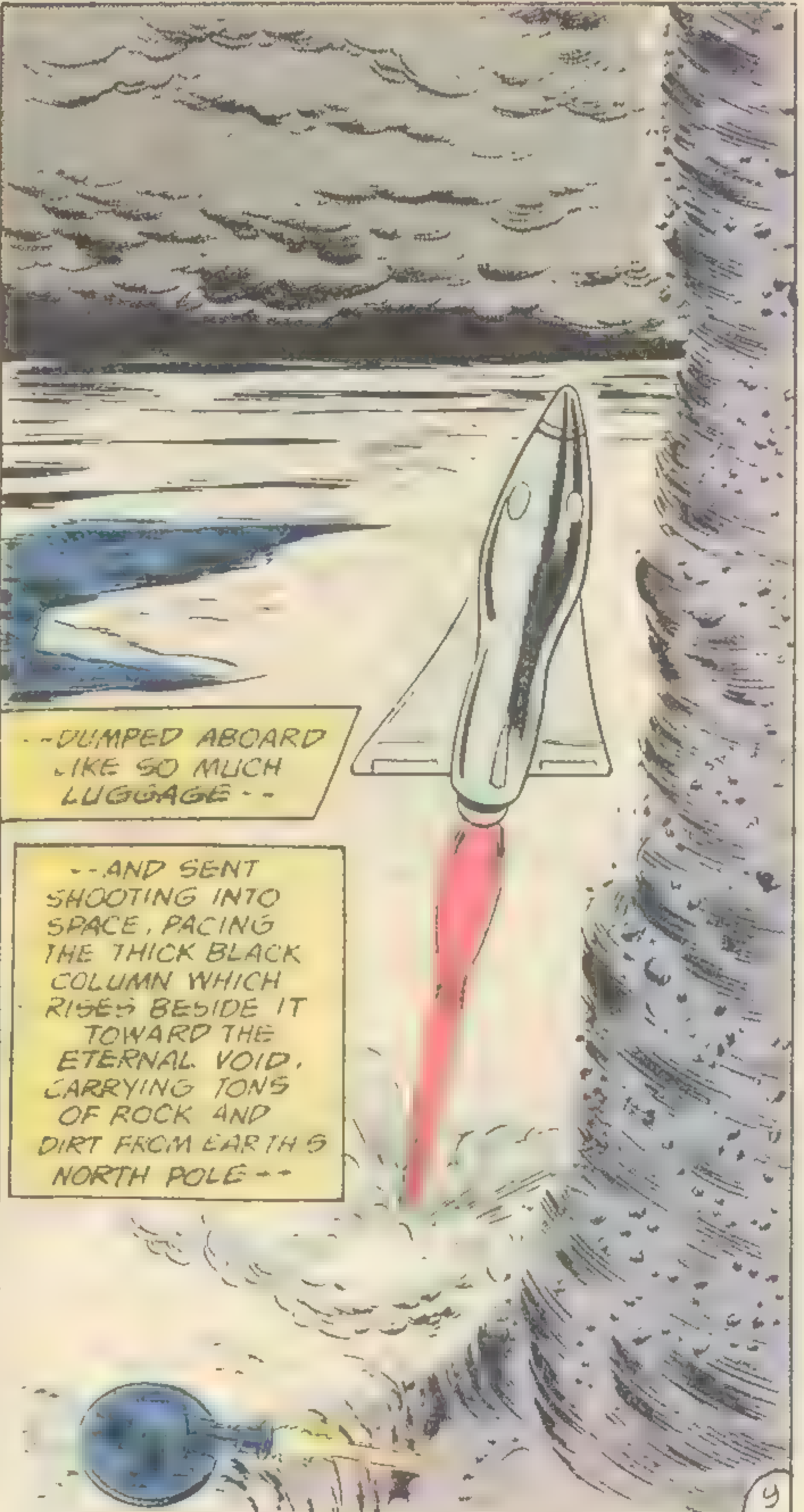
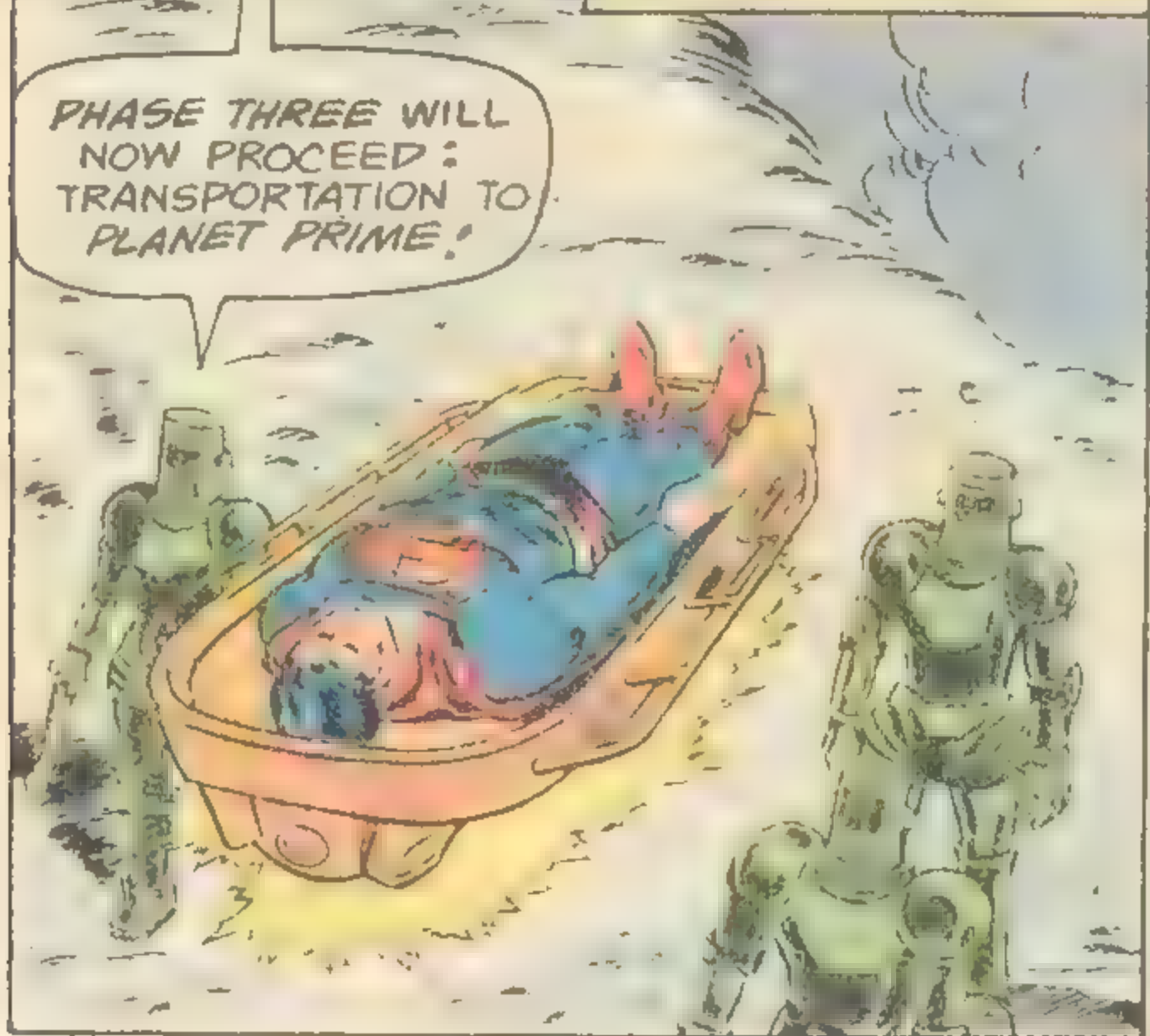


FA-TOOM!

PHASES ONE AND TWO COMPLETED AS DIRECTED BY DIODE.

UNCEREMONIOUSLY, THE MAN OF TOMORROW IS CARTED TO A WAITING SPACECRAFT--

PHASE THREE WILL NOW PROCEED: TRANSPORTATION TO PLANET PRIME!

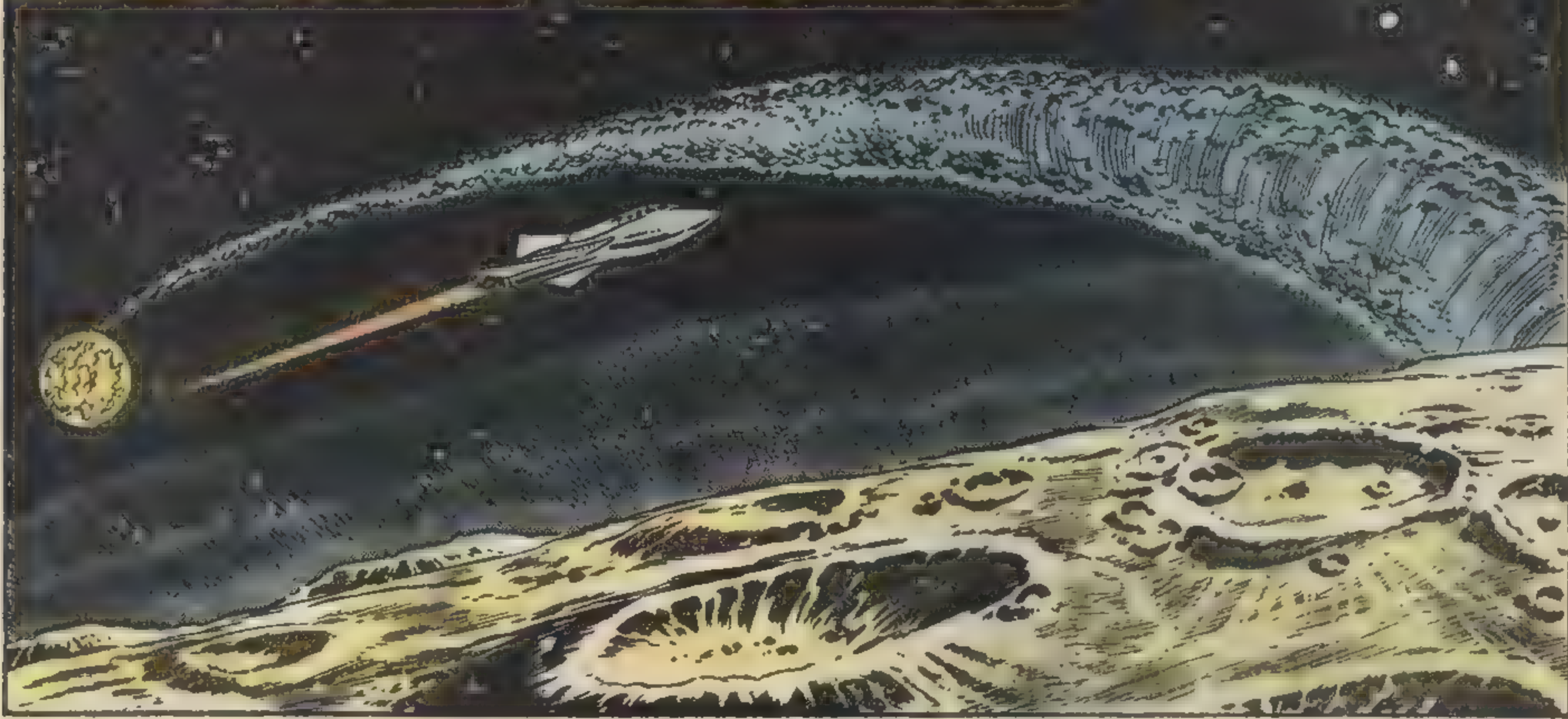


--DUMPED ABOARD LIKE SO MUCH LUGGAGE--

--AND SENT SHOOTING INTO SPACE, PACING THE THICK BLACK COLUMN WHICH RISES BESIDE IT TOWARD THE ETERNAL VOID, CARRYING TONS OF ROCK AND DIRT FROM EARTH'S NORTH POLE--

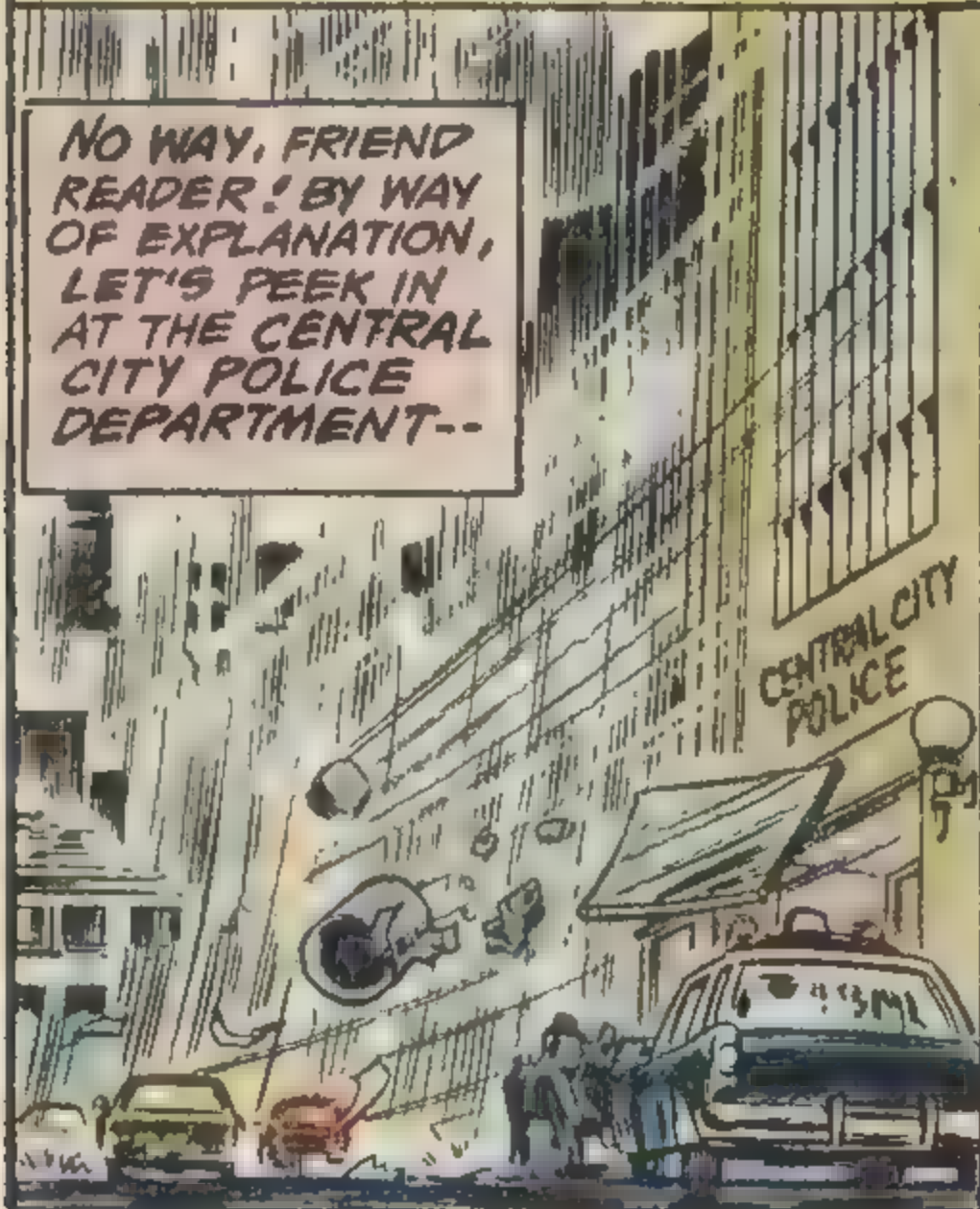
--THROUGH 240,000 MILES
OF AIRLESS SPACE TO-- THE
MOON--?

AN, YES, GENTLE READER,
YOUR QUESTIONS WILL BE
ANSWERED, BUT FIRST--



--WHAT ABOUT THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE? SHOULDN'T EARTH'S
GREATEST SUPER-HEROES BE
CHARGING ONTO THE SCENE LIKE
SOME MODERN DAY CAVALRY?

NO WAY, FRIEND
READER! BY WAY
OF EXPLANATION,
LET'S PEEK IN
AT THE CENTRAL
CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT--



--WHERE A POLICE
SCIENTIST NAMED BARRY
ALLEN WATCHES THE
STRIDENT STORM, AND
WONDERS--

WHERE'S THE FLASH?
SHOULDN'T CENTRAL
CITY'S RESIDENT
SUPER-HERO BE
DOING SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS?



AH, BUT BARRY ALLEN IS
THE FLASH, AND THAT
GLOWING RING ON HIS
FINGER IS TRYING TO
INFORM HIM OF A JLA
EMERGENCY--

BUT FOR SOME REASON
BARRY ALLEN JUST DOESN'T
NOTICE--!

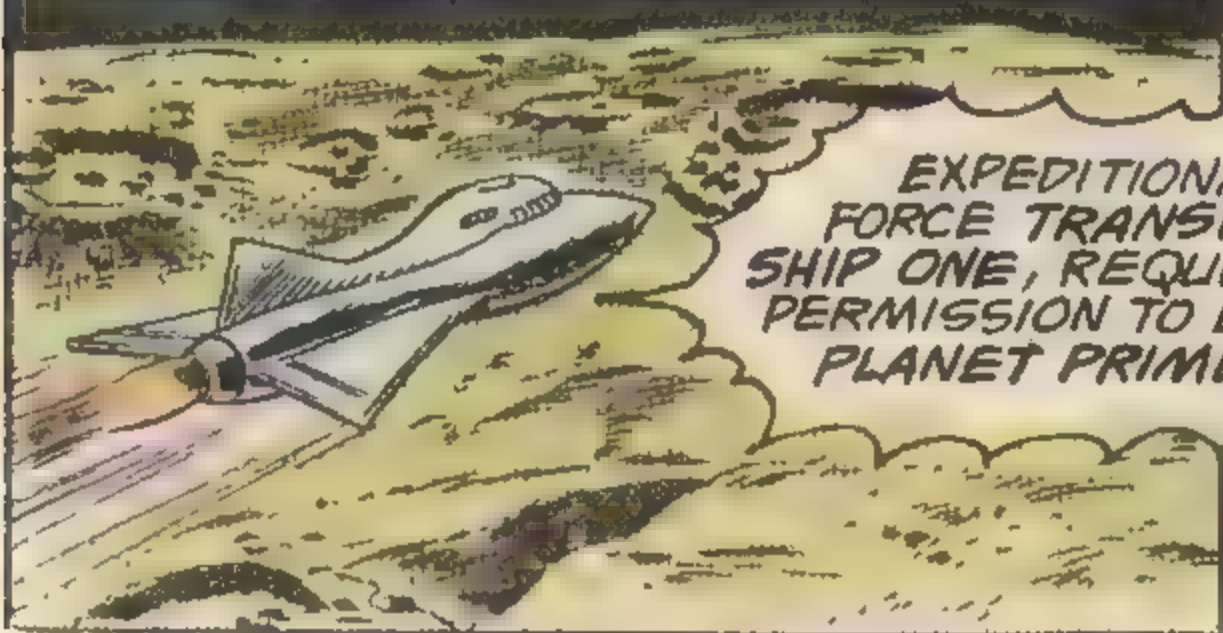


CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
IT! WHERE
IS THE
FASTEST
MAN ALIVE
ANYWAY?

BARRY'S BEHAVIOR MAY SEEM
INEXPLICABLE, BUT IT'S NOT...

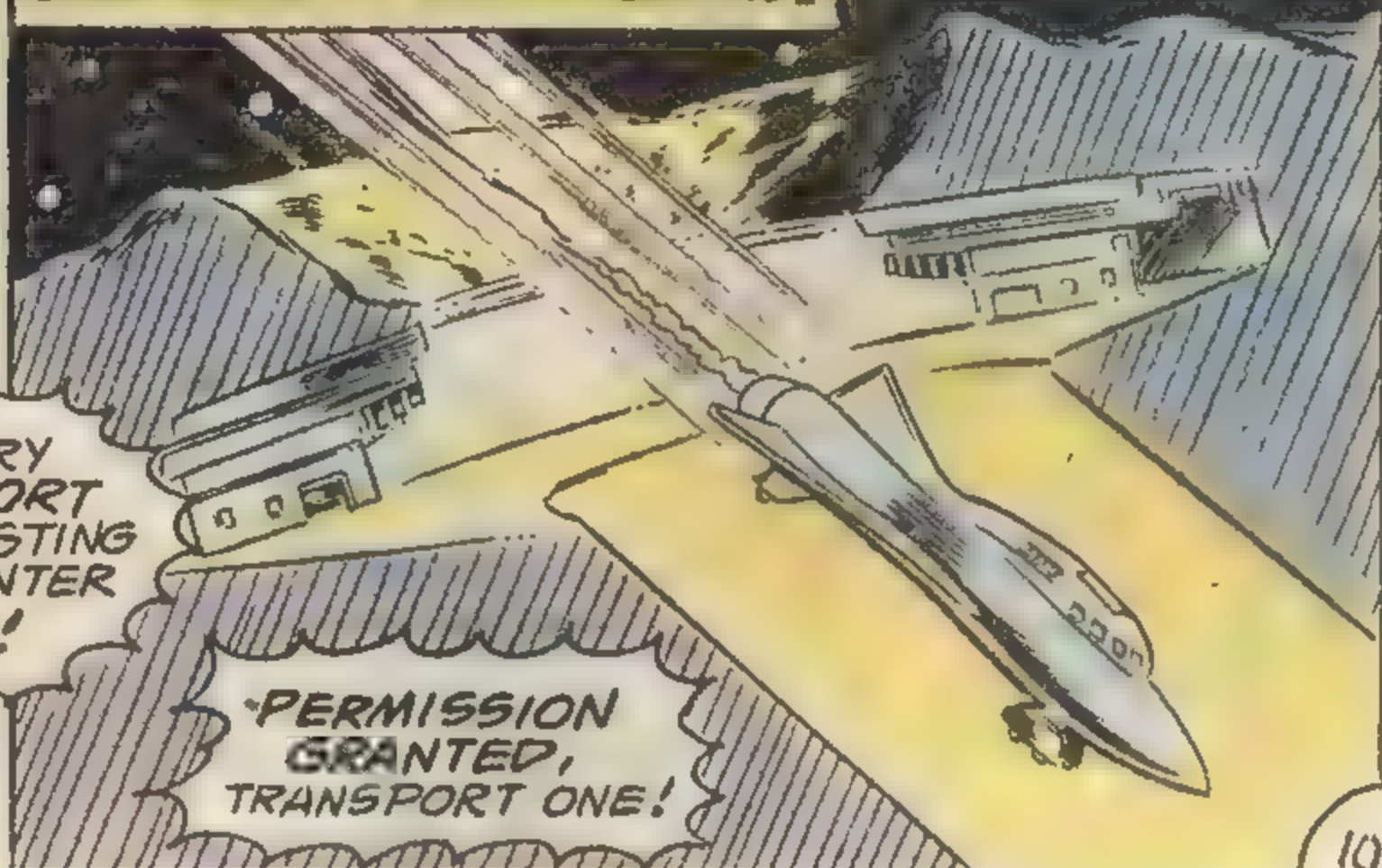
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--THOUGH HERE, TOO, NOT
EVERYTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS!



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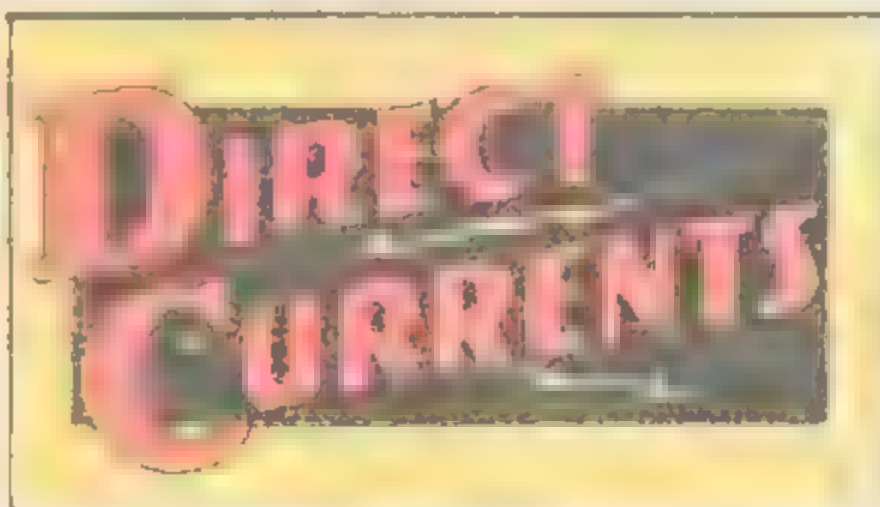
ANSWER MAN

Q: How did *Supergirl* and *Krypto* get to Earth?—Byron Dahms. **A:** *Krypto* was sent into space in a test satellite by *Jor-El*. When a meteor hit the tiny craft, it careened out of Krypton-orbit and eventually landed on Earth. *Supergirl's* parents escaped death when the chunk of the planet containing Argo City was flung free. Later, as meteors destroyed the floating metropolis, *Zor-El* and *Alura* fired their daughter to safety on Earth.

Q: Where did *Green Lantern* first appear?—Jeff Carnes. **A:** The original GL made his debut in *ALL-AMERICAN COMICS* #16 and the present-day Emerald Warrior bowed in *SHOWCASE* #22.

Q: How much is *ACTION COMICS* #1 worth?—Timothy Chace. **A:** It's way out of your price-range, Tim—upwards of \$5000. But the *FAMOUS FIRST EDITION* reprint of that 1938 classic is still available from comics dealers for about \$2.50.

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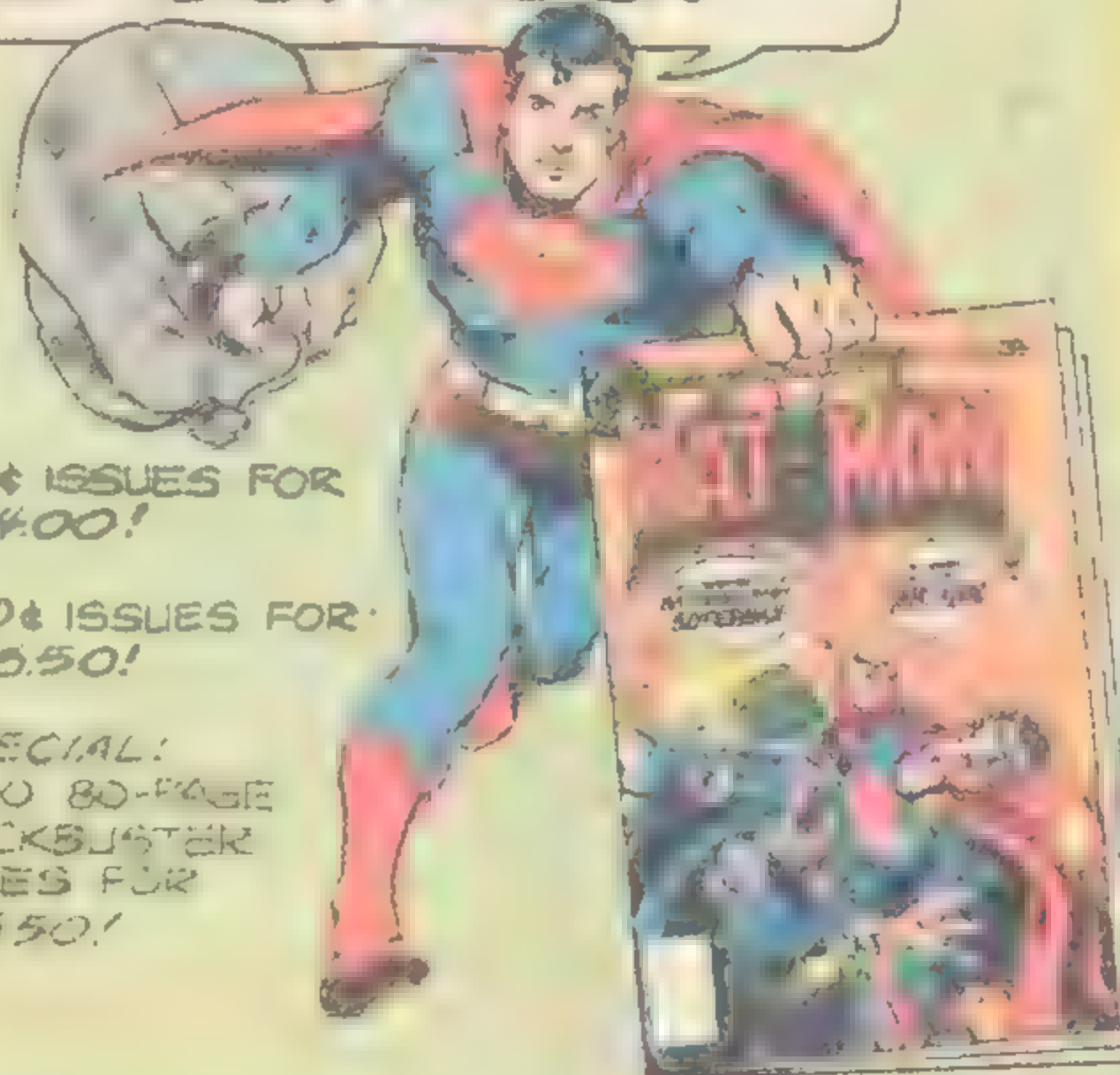
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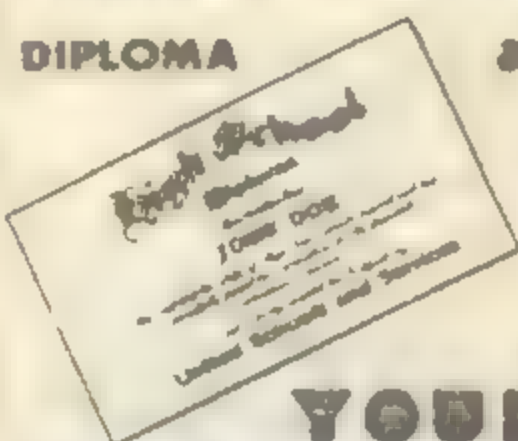
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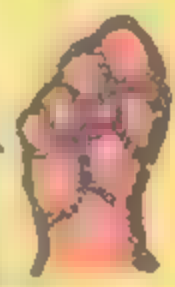
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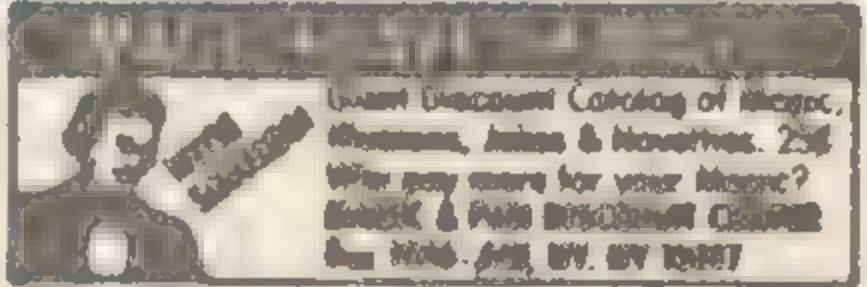


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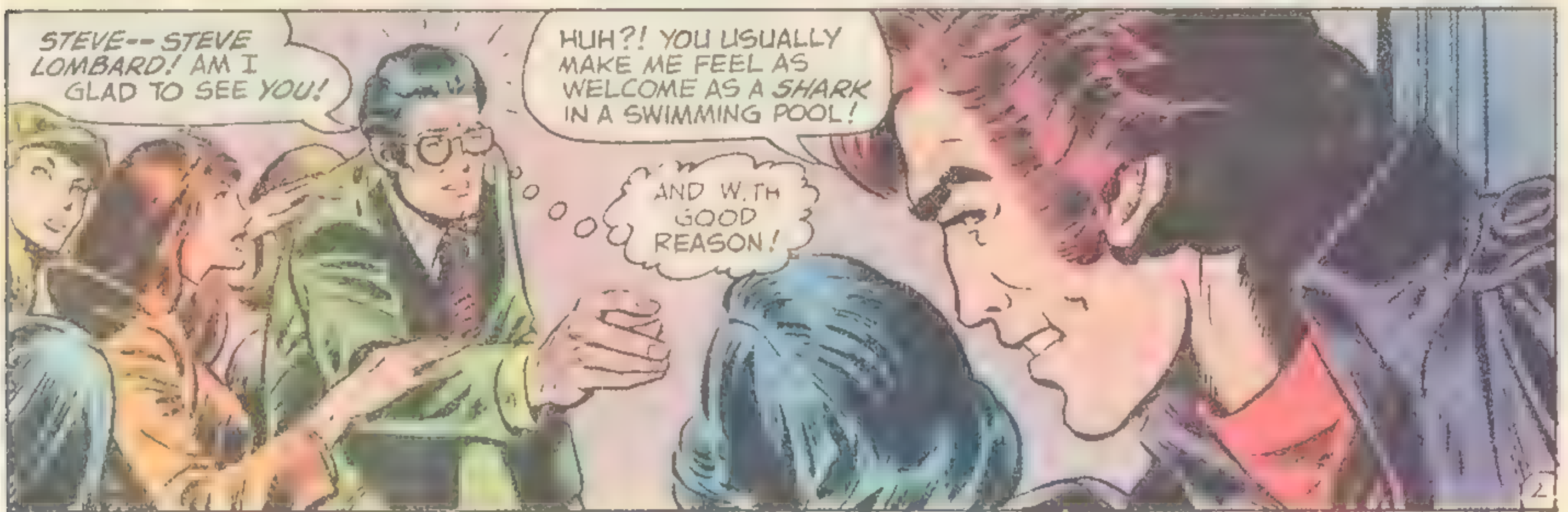
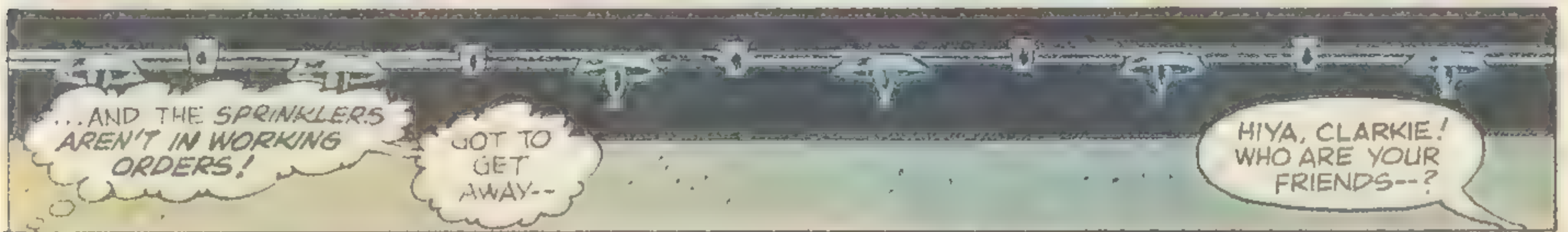
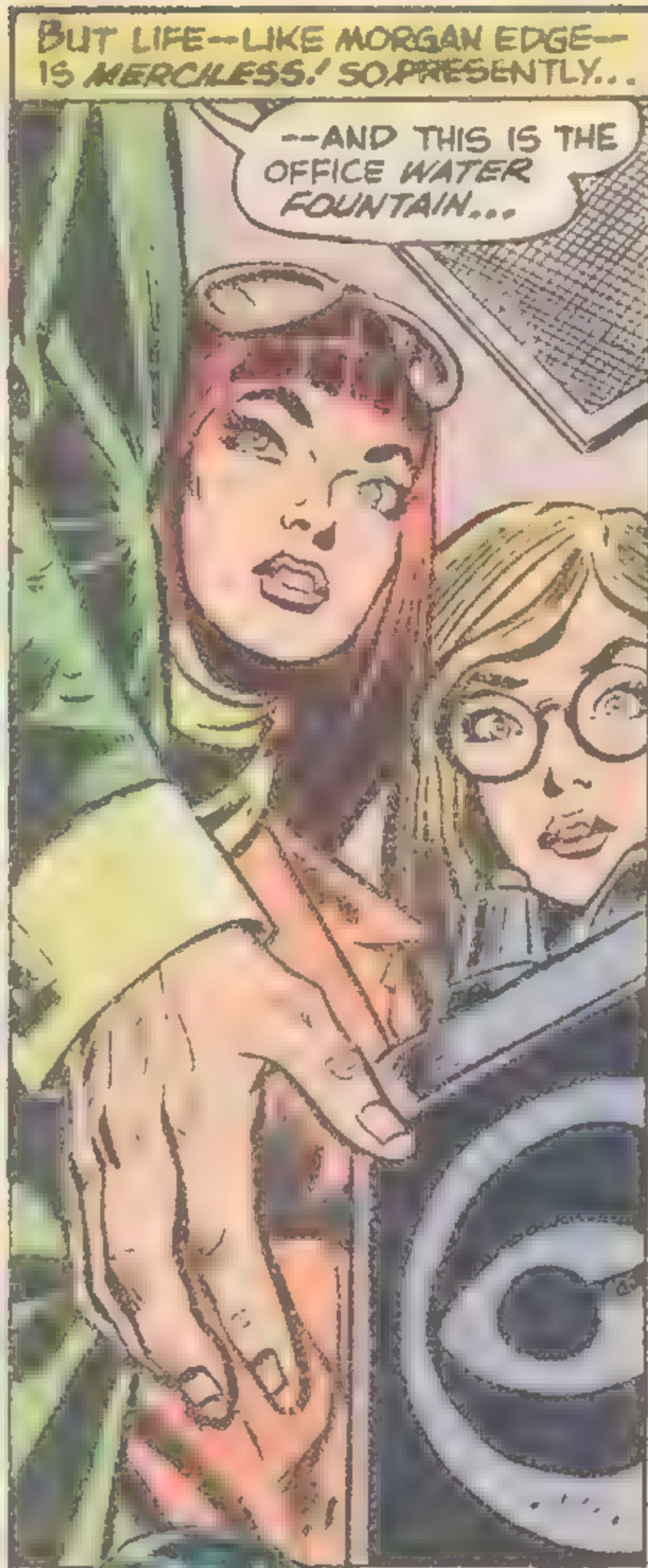
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IF YOU'LL GATHER 'ROUND, I'LL TELL ABOUT MY GRIDIRON TRIUMPHS--

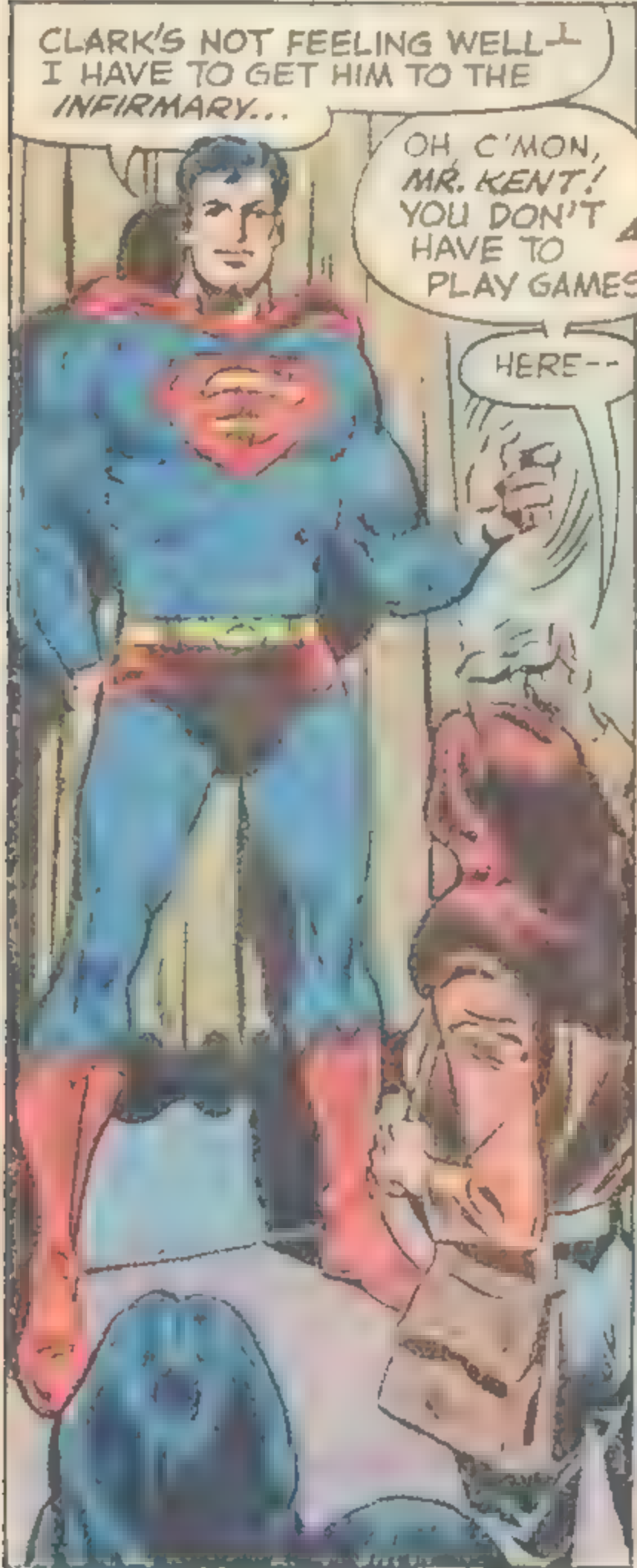
HEY! WHAT DO THEY SEE IN THAT NERD?



AND MERE SECONDS LATER...

GREAT KRYPTON-- I'M BOXED IN! HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS--?

WELL, THEY SAY SUPERMAN CAN DO ANYTHING--!



CLARK'S NOT FEELING WELL-- I HAVE TO GET HIM TO THE INFIRMARY...

OH, C'MON, MR. KENT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY GAMES!

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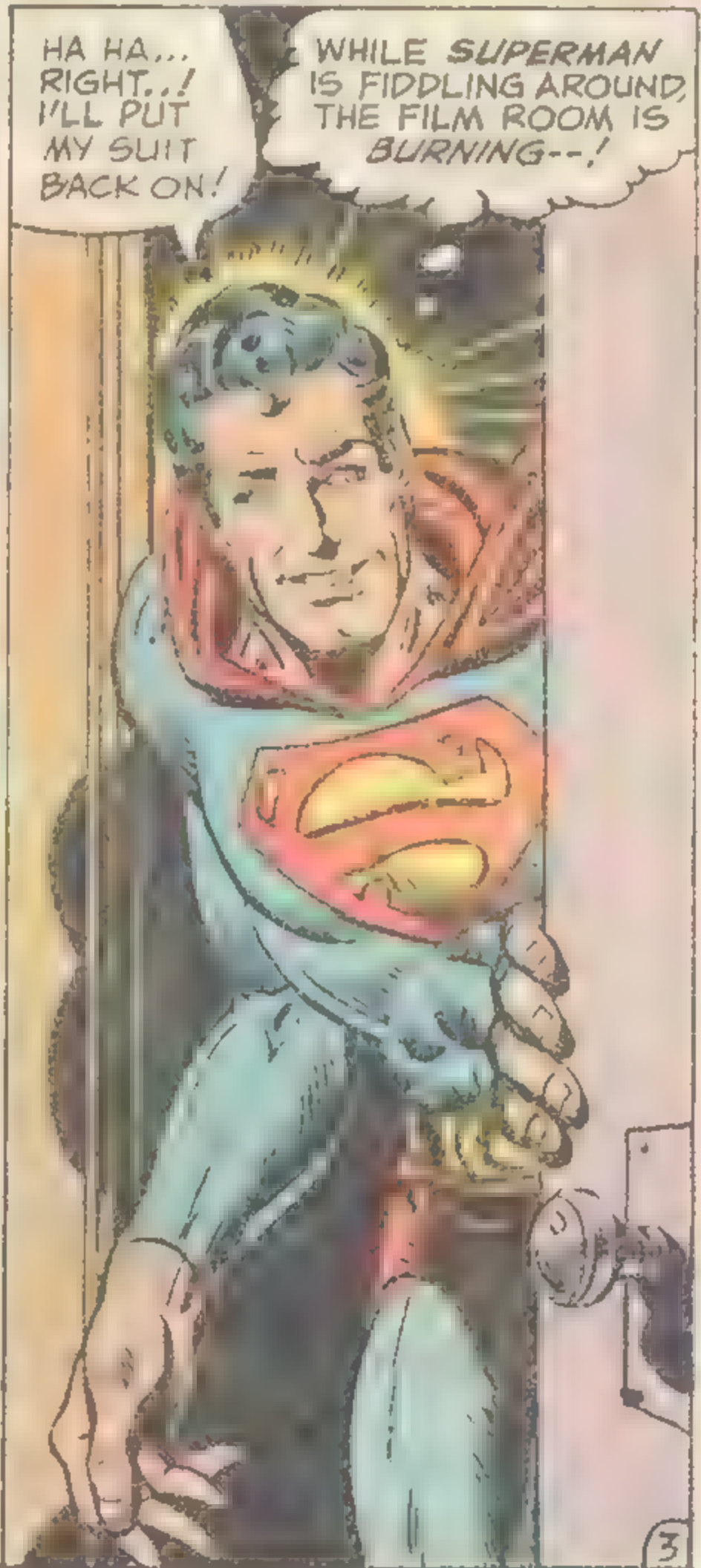


SEE--?

FUN-NEE! COMING OUT AND FOOLING US WITH A PHONEY SUPERMAN COSTUME!

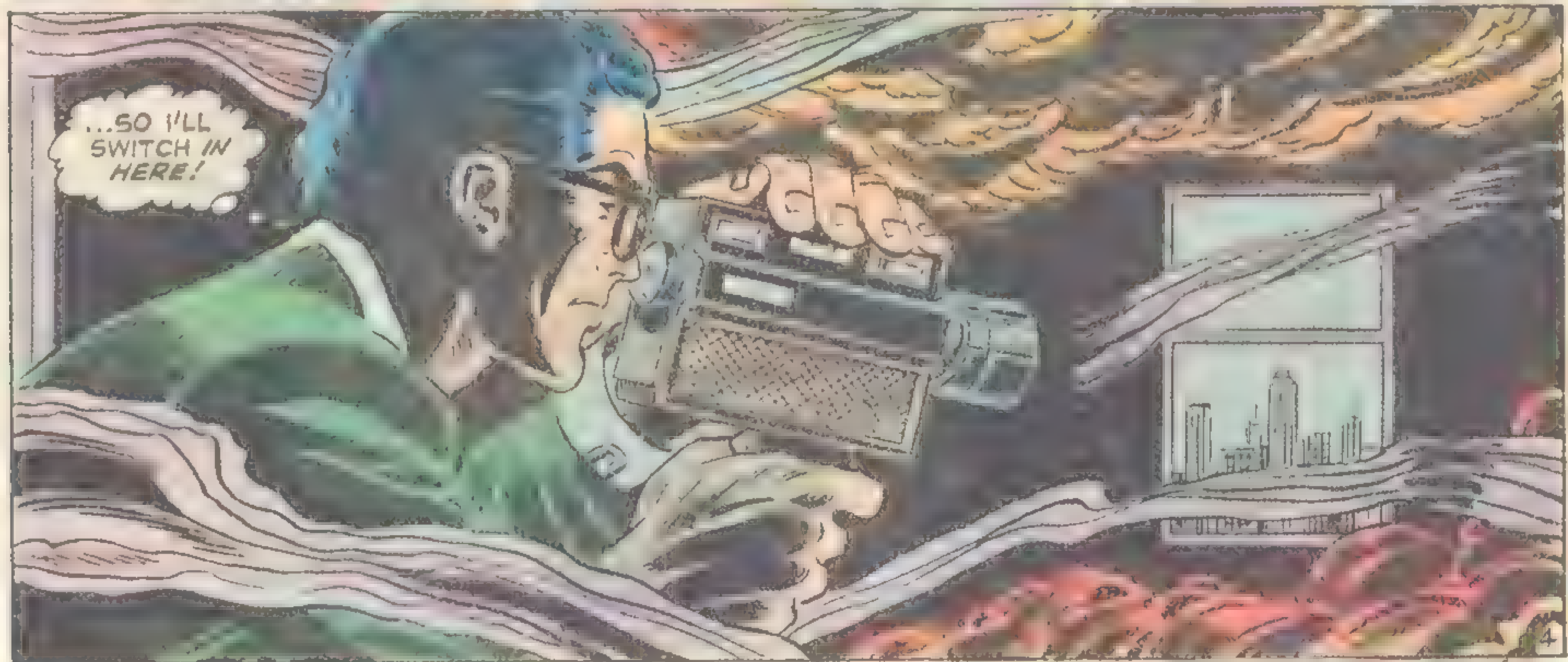
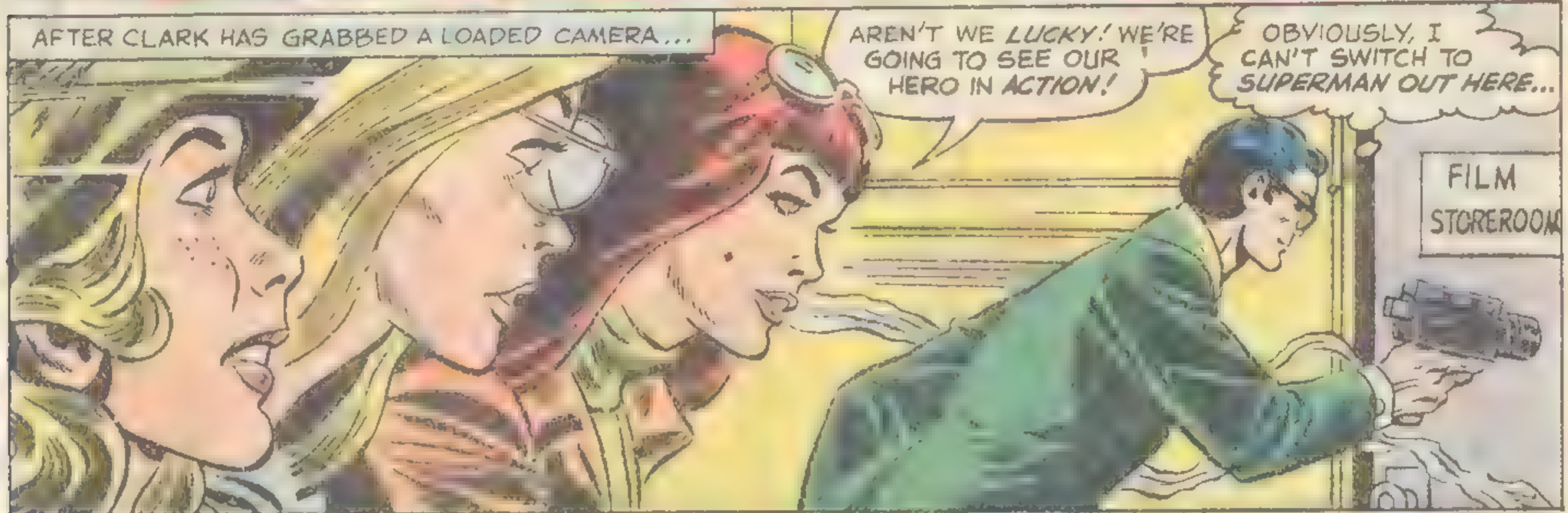
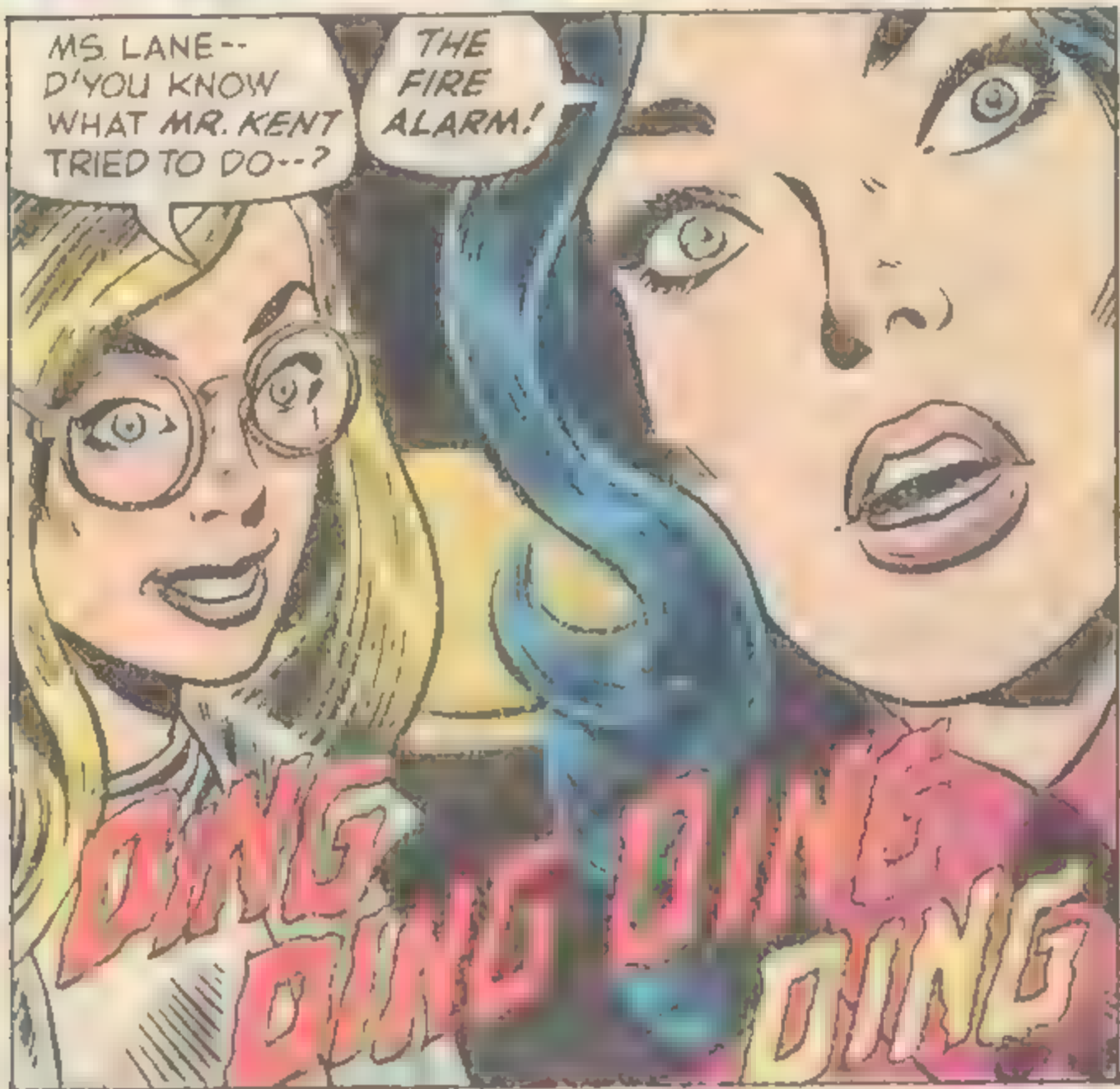
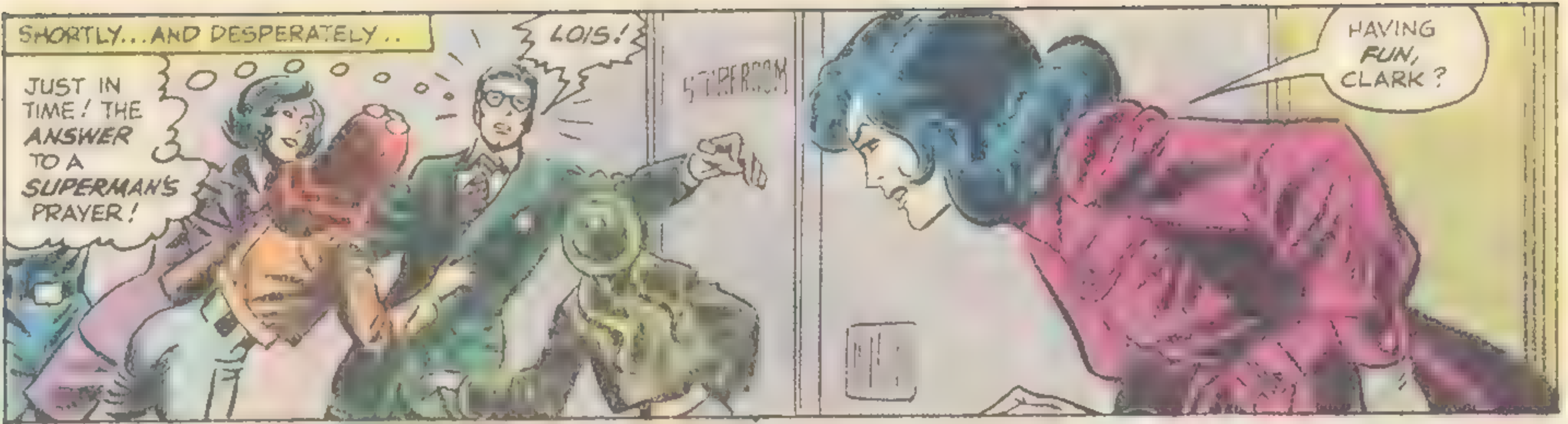
WHAT A SENSE OF HUMOR!

IT NEVER OCCURRED TO THEM CLARK MIGHT BE SUPERMAN!



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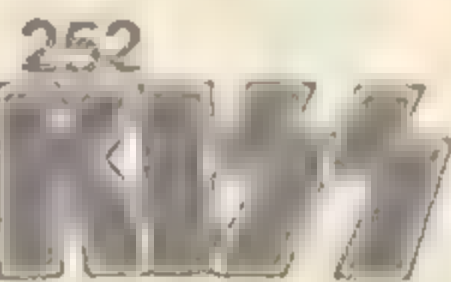
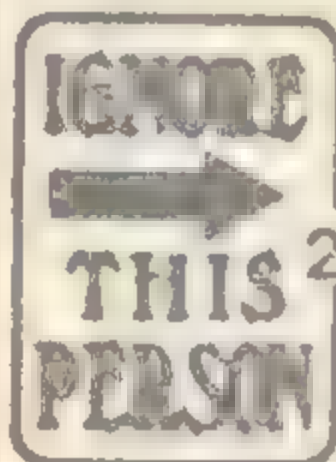


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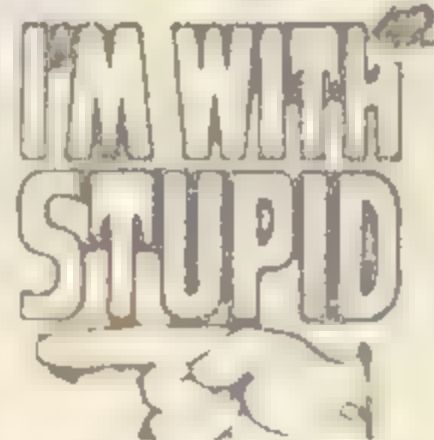
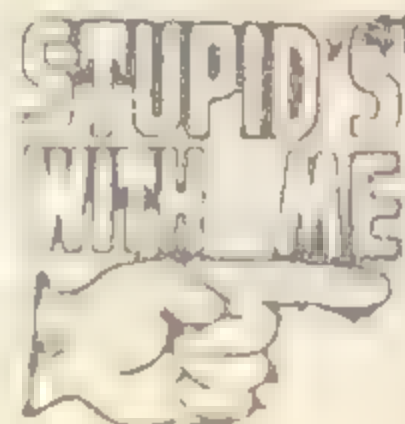
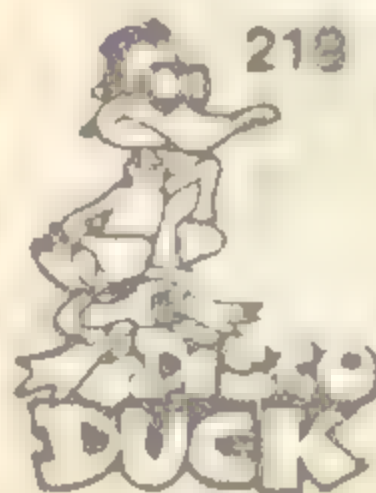
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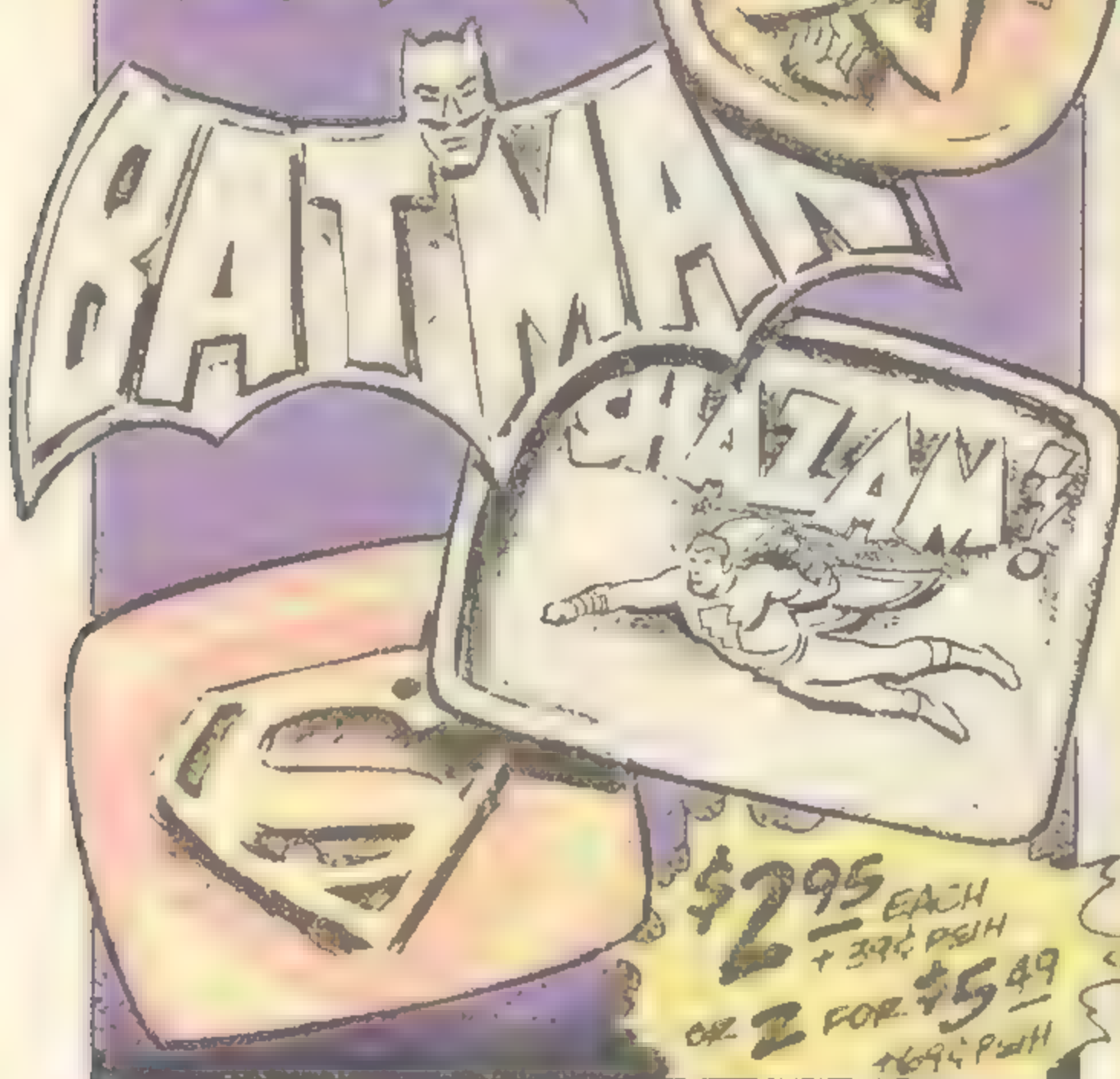
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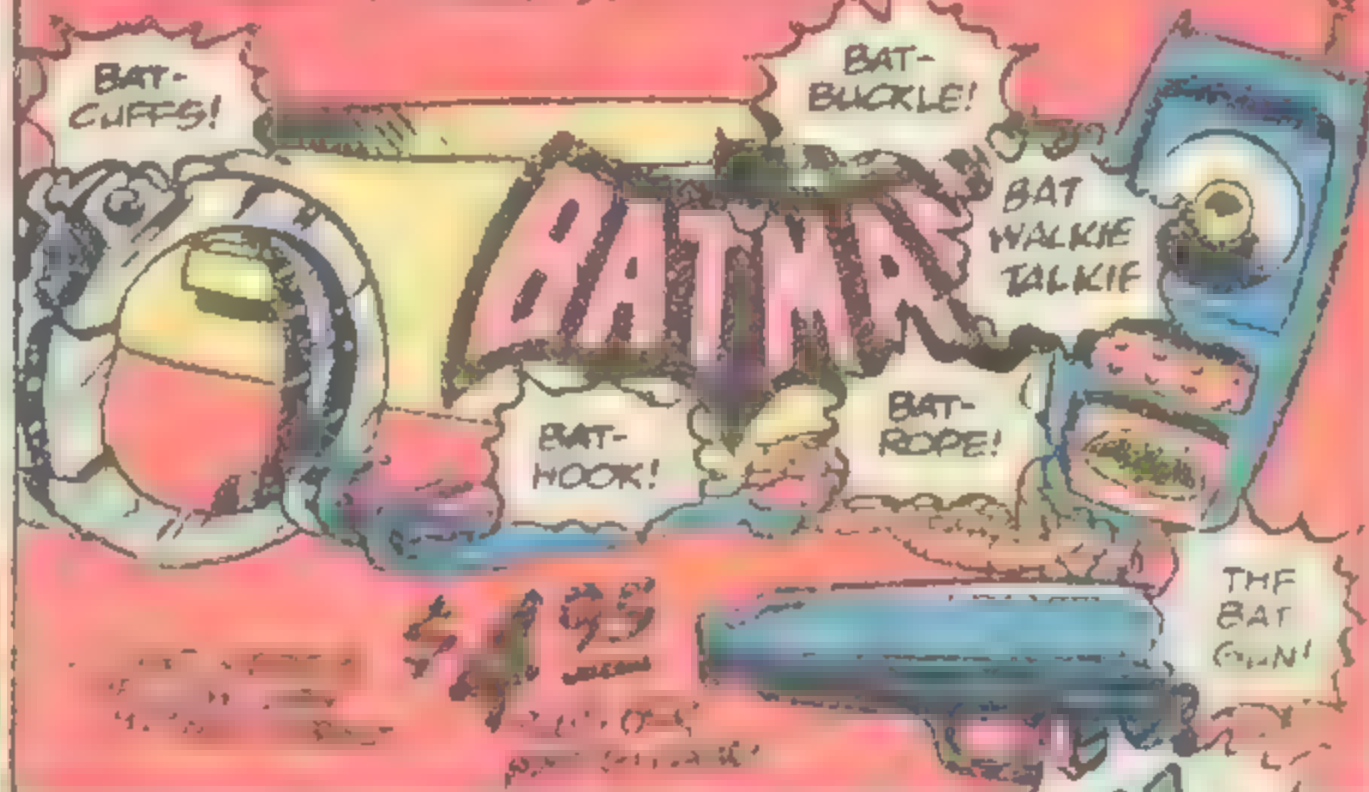
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WOW! LOOK AT SUPERMAN SUCK UP THE FIRE AND SMOKE AS IF THEY WERE FRESH AIR! HE'LL HAVE IT OUT BEFORE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS HERE!

BUT CLARKIE SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIS USUAL TIMID SELF!

CLARK'S A NEWSMAN FIRST! THAT'S HOW HE WON HIS PULITZER!

WHAT A JOB! HAVE TO MOVE SO FAST THE CAMERA DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO FALL WHEN I'M NOT HOLDING IT!

ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE SUPERMAN! HE FLEW OFF AFTER DOUSING THE FIRE AND SAVING THE FILMS FROM BEING RUINED--

YES...TOO BAD HE COULDN'T HAVE SAVED MY BLAZER TOO!

OH, MR. KENT-- YOU NEVER LOOKED BETTER!

THREE CHEERS FOR CLARK KENT!

STEVE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A LADIES' MAN! WHAT COULD TERRI CROSS BE SAYING TO UPSET HIM?

AND NOT ONLY THAT, MR. LOMBARD...

HIP HOP D RAY



...MR. KENT'S SO MUCH TALLER THAN SUPERMAN-- AND HANDSOMER, WITH MUCH BROADER SHOULDERS--

--AND BESIDES, MR. KENT'S EYES ARE **BLUER** THAN SUPERMAN'S!

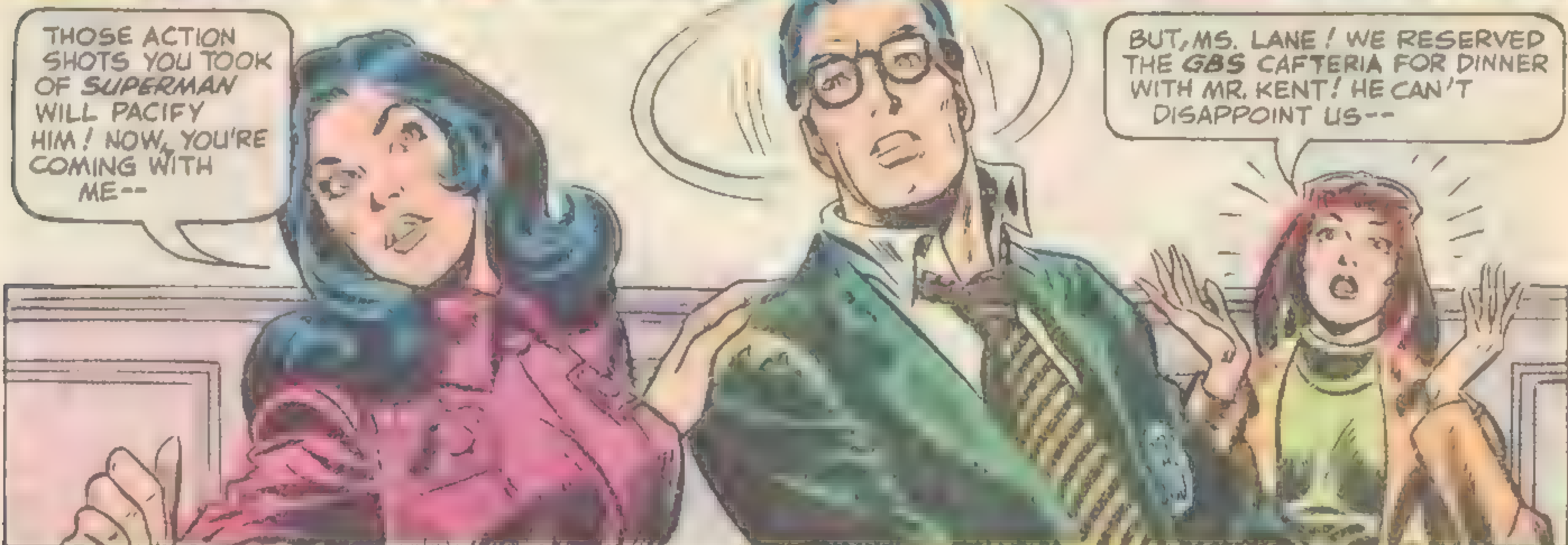
~GROAN!~ WHEN IT COMES TO CLARKIE, I JUST CAN'T WIN!



HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? I DELIBERATELY **SLUMP** SLIGHTLY TO MAKE CLARK LOOK **SHORTER** AND **LESS MUSCULAR** THAN SUPERMAN-- BUT IN THE EYES OF MY FANS, IT'S JUST THE **OPPOSITE**!



GOSH, LOOK AT ME, LOIS! MR. EDGE WILL BE SORE AS BLAZES WHEN HE SEES WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIS **GBS BLAZER**!



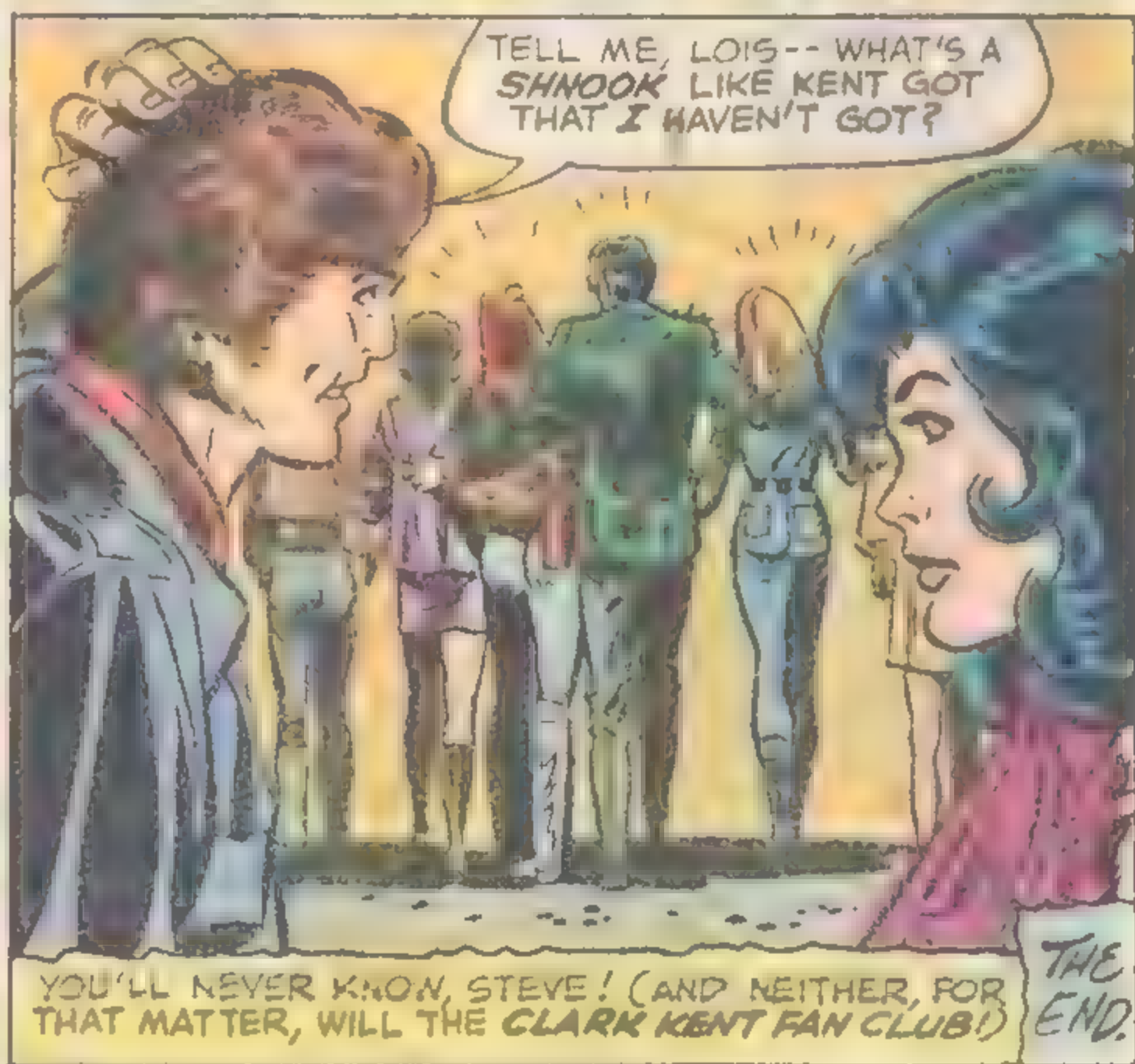
THOSE ACTION SHOTS YOU TOOK OF **SUPERMAN** WILL PACIFY HIM! NOW, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME--

BUT, MS. LANE! WE RESERVED THE **GBS** CAFETERIA FOR DINNER WITH MR. KENT! HE CAN'T DISAPPOINT US--



WELL, LOIS--?

YES, CLARK--YOU CAN'T DISAPPOINT YOUR ADORING PUBLIC!



TELL ME, LOIS-- WHAT'S A **SHNOOK** LIKE KENT GOT THAT I HAVEN'T GOT?

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, STEVE! (AND NEITHER, FOR THAT MATTER, WILL THE **CLARK KENT FAN CLUB**!)

THE END.



Dear Editor:

After re-reading *Action* #471-473, all I can say is, it was great! The careful blending of old concepts (the Phantom Zone) and new characters (Faora, Jackson Porter) made for an exciting, fun-to-read three-parter.

The big surprise of "The great Phantom Peril" was Faora's switch of the Earth people and the Phantom Zone residents. Not in my wildest dreams did I think she would pull the biggest switcheroo of all time. Just think of all the problems the Earth people must have faced due to the sudden move. And I loved the way the transference was brought about. The climactic moment arrives just as we are given a Steve's-eye view of Faora's approaching chop. What suspense! I was a little bit bothered by Batman's statement that the Justice League was off-guard when Faora's attack commenced. Shouldn't there have been at least one member on sentry duty in the satellite? But maybe that hero was unaware of the situation on Earth and it was over before he/she had time to act. Either that or the PZ ray reached into space as well.

Last issue, I was disturbed by Superman's retreat into the Phantom Zone. Because of the lack of explanation, it seemed a cowardly thing to do. Yet I kept my faith and it paid off in the long run. Leave it to the Man of Steel to come up with the one plausible method of defeating the Phantom Peril. He really had me fooled, even after the criminals appeared on Earth. Since no Superman showed up with them, I figured he was already a prisoner of Faora. But, ah, that breathtaking entrance on page ten set things right. It's worth noting that for once, Supes' prolonged habitation on Earth gave him an advantage over his Kryptonian foes (e.g., the immunity to the psychic bolts). This is the first time I can remember Superman being given even this slight edge over super-powered criminals.

Mike White

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(In the *JLA*, The Atom was on duty, and was still trying to figure out how a six-inch hero could fight an army of invulnerable villains when Supes showed up.—E.N.B.)

Dear Julie:

Action 473.

What can you say about Cary Bates? Cary is, indeed, a fine writer, but one would expect even the best writer to stagnate after writing about the same character month after month, year after year. But is Cary lacking in fresh, new, imaginative plots? The answer, of course, is no.

Action #473 is my case in point, "The Great Phantom Peril" was another in the long line of his fine stories. And as for transporting the entire population of Earth into the Phantom Zone—well, few writers would know how to pull it off. Also, poor Superman had to fight every previous inhabitant of the Zone! ... Woops! Make that every inhabitant except one. The more astute readers will recall that Superman's super-powered friend Mon-

El was a resident of the Zone during Superman's lifetime, and was thus released by Faora along with all the criminals. Now the less astute readers will probably wonder why Mon-El, upon his release, didn't rush to Superman's defense. The reason is, of course, that since he was dying of lead poisoning when he was put into the Zone, he began dying again the moment he was brought out. Thus, it was all he could do just to hang onto the little life he had left until he could be returned to the safety of the Zone. Who says this isn't the DC age of easy explanations?

And with that, I thank you gentlemen again as I return to the Phantom Zone myself.

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(Exactly right on the explanation! And for those readers who are confused because Mon is an active member of the Legion of Super-Heroes, remember their adventures take place 1,000 years in the future. And no, Mon-El is not related to Superman. He comes from the planet Daxam and his real name is Lar Gand.—E.N.B.)

Dear Brain-Busters:

Cary, you old wizard, you've done it again. This is exactly the kind of story that should appear in *Action*: the never-ending saga of Superman vs. evil, be it evil of Earth or of Krypton and the Phantom Zone. I know a few ERA people this should please. Now we know Kryptonian women were every bit as bad as their male counterparts, if not worse. Is this not typical of our own Mother Earth?

Oh, but you're not perfect, are you, Cary? On page 15, one of the "Kryppies" (how do you like that, Nelson?) says Supes is igniting the oxygen around them. My colleague, J. Shaller, agreed with me that oxygen only supports combustion; it does not burn. Perhaps the poor fellow meant Superman was breaking up the water vapor (smog) in the air by electrolysis and then igniting the hydrogen. Chemistry must not have been a big thing on Krypton.

My second (and last) gripe is about Faora and her "death-blow." I don't think the switch back to the PZ would have saved Supes from it, as it is fatal to Kryptonians whether the striker is super or not. At first I thought he escaped because the PZ folks are immaterial and she therefore couldn't touch him. But if that is true, how could Batman have laid his hands on Jackson Porter on page 15? This deserves an explanation.

That still would have left me with the question of how Supes could elude his fellow PZ-mates for "a few hours." However, I solved that problem pretty quickly, and the solution also answers the super-criminal's question on page 15: "How can one Kryptonian be so much trouble?"

Because he's Superman!

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(Chemistry was big on Krypton, but not among all criminals. As for the PZ, folks in there are immaterial—able to touch each other after a fashion, but immune to all harm. As Steve Bilinitzer noted, that's how Mon-El survived lead poisoning for 1,000 years!—E. Nelson Bridwell)

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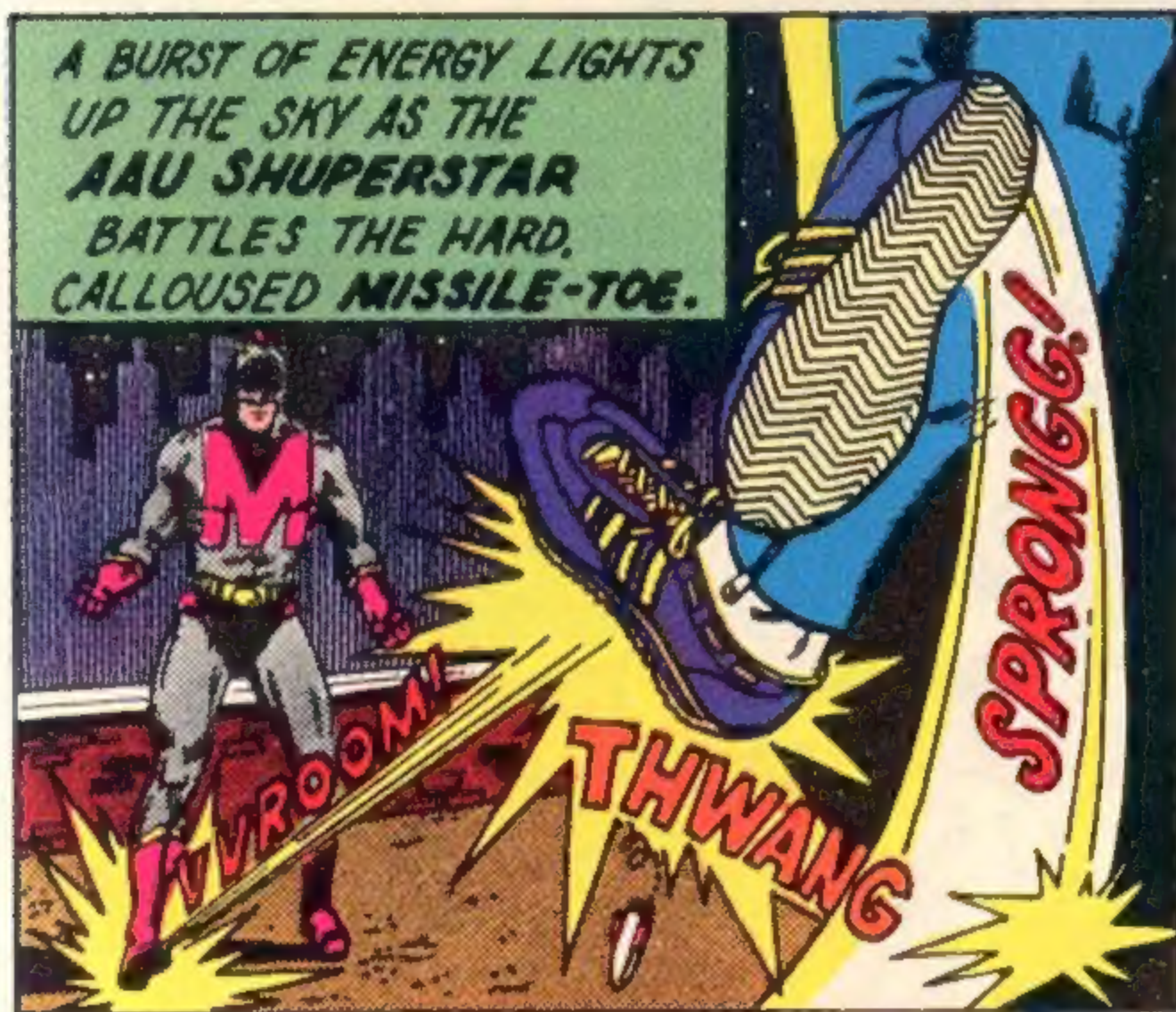


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